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OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF BALTIMORE, STATE OF MARYLAND,

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COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 15, 1879.

MONDAY, September 15, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
LUTHER J. GLENN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
NATHAN TAYLOR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
B. H. WOODELL.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

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And a representation from thirty-one Grand Lodges and nineteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

W. C. Hearn, P. G. Chaplain.....Alabama.
Thomas R. Welch, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
Frank G. Beatty, P. G. R.....California.
William Wallace Lee, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
Ezra W. Miller, P. G. M.....Dakota.
John F. Havenner, P. G. Rep.....District of Columbia.
Charles C. Pearce, P. G. Rep.....Florida.
D. B. Woodruff, P. G.....Georgia.
Ber. Newman, P. G. M.....Iowa.
John Charlton, P. G. M.....Kansas.
William W. Morris, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
Silas T. Grisamore, P. G. M.....Louisiana.
Frank Graham, P. G.....Lower Prov., B. N. A.
William E. Hogan, P. G. M.....Maine.
John M. Jones, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
John U. Perkins, P. G. M.....Massachusetts
Walter G. Dye, P. G. Rep.....Minnesota.
C. C. Housel, P. G.....Nebraska.
Alonzo F. Craig, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
Christian Miller, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
John F. Van Nort, P. G. M.....New York.
Richard J. Jones, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
James Woodyatt, P. G. M.....Ontario.
Joshua J. Walton, P. G.....Oregon.
Samuel F. Gwinner, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
Lindsay Anderson, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
I. C. Stafford, P. G. M.....Texas.
John N. Gale, P. G. M.....Vermont.
Alfred R. Courtney, P. G. M.....Virginia.
J. A. Miller, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
Myron P. Lindsley, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

William S. Davis, P. G. P.....Arkansas.
William N. Andrew, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
W. L. Sweeney, P. G. P.....Illinois.
John Morgan, P. G. P.....Indiana.
H. D. Walker, P. G. M.....Iowa.
George S. Moore, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
O. G. Douglass, P. G. P.....Maine.
John E. McCahan, P. G. M.....Maryland.
George H. Shearer, P. G. P.....Michigan.
L. T. Minturn, P. G. P.....Missouri.
John R. Miller, P. G. P.....New Hampshire
Aaron B. Crane, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey,
John H. White, P. G. M.....New York.
Charles M. Busbee, P. G. P.....North Carolina.
William R. Hazlett, P. G. P.....Ohio.
John Ham Perry, P. G. P.....Ontario.
William S. Johnson, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
Thomas S. Spates, P. G. P.....West Virginia.
Theodore B. Elliott, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch.....Missouri.
Milton J. Durham.....Kentucky.
John W. Stokes.....Pennsylvania.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

PRAYER.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, Who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, we beseech Thee to regard with Thy favor this assemblage of brethren, who have gathered from far and near, as the chosen representatives of a great family, whose mission is one of love, charity, and good will to men. And since we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us continually the help of Thy grace, that we may please Thee both in will and deed. Bless the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. Keep us from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice; and so direct and govern us in our legislative action, that the interests of our Order may be promoted and Thy name be glorified. Regard with favor, O Lord, the constituted authorities of our land, and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion and virtue. We humbly pray Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to look with compassion on the widow and orphan, and to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, May all the members of this brotherhood be true and faithful in their several stations, and zealous in every good word and work.

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by further order, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

The reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with and the Journal was approved as printed.

The Chair announced the following committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Stafford, of Texas; Walker, of Iowa; Walton, of Oregon; Minturn, of Missouri; Wagner, of Mississippi.

Committee on Allotment of Seats.—Reps. Housel, of Nebraska; Anderson, of Rhode Island; Hazlett, of Ohio; Hearn, of Alabama; Charlton, of Kansas; Sweeney, of Illinois; Craig, of New Hampshire.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives received from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Housel, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Allotment of Seats, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee to whom was referred the allotment of seats, respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing:

Alabama	18, 19, 20
Arkansas	122, 123, 124
British Columbia	146
California	125, 126, 127, 128
Chile	147
Colorado	140, 141, 142
Connecticut	60, 61, 62, 63
Dakota	9
Delaware	133, 134, 135
District of Columbia	14, 15, 16
Florida	17
Georgia	29, 30, 31
Illinois	136, 137, 138, 139
Indiana	129, 130, 131, 132
Iowa	24, 25, 26, 27
Kansas	54, 55, 56
Kentucky	83, 84, 85, 86
Louisiana	51, 52, 53
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	101, 102
Maine	40, 41, 42, 43
Maryland	36, 37, 38, 39
Massachusetts	32, 33, 34, 35
Michigan	117, 118, 119, 120
Minnesota	95, 96, 97
Mississippi	57, 58, 59
Missouri	110, 111, 112, 113
Montana	72
Nebraska	76, 77, 78
Nevada	73, 74, 75
New Hampshire	64, 65, 66, 67
New Jersey	68, 69, 70, 71
New York	79, 80, 81, 82
North Carolina	98, 99, 100
Ohio	87, 88, 89, 90
Ontario	106, 107, 108, 109
Oregon	21, 22, 23
Pennsylvania	10, 11, 12, 13
Quebec	28
Rhode Island	5, 6, 7, 8
South Carolina	144, 145
Switzerland	148
Tennessee	2, 3, 4
Texas	91, 92, 93, 94
Utah	121
Vermont	48, 49, 50
Virginia	103, 104, 105
Washington	1
West Virginia	114, 115, 116
Wisconsin	44, 45, 46, 47
Wyoming	143

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Housel, W. L. Sweeney, L. Anderson,
W. R. Hazlett, W. C. Hearn, John Charlton.
A. F. Craig,

Rep. Stafford, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Representatives as duly accredited and entitled to seats in this Grand Body, as shown by certificates on file.

FROM GRAND LODGES.

Joseph H. Sloss, P. G. ..... Alabama.
John G. Holland, P. G. M. ..... Arkansas.
T. K. Wilson, P. G. ..... California.
R. G. Buckingham, P. G. Rep., (for one year, to fill vacancy) ..... Colorado.
C. P. Dunbaugh, P. G. M. ..... Colorado.
Thomas Stirling, P. G. M. ..... Connecticut.
John T. Jakes, P. C. P. ..... Delaware.
William R. McLean, P. G. M. ..... District of Columbia.
Adolph Brandt, P. G. M. ..... Georgia.
John Lake, P. G. M. ..... Illinois
Leonidas Sexton, P. G. M., (for one year, to fill vacancy) ..... Indiana.
W. R. Myers, P. G. M. ..... Indiana.

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

Erie J. Leech, P. G. M.....Iowa.
John M. Price, P. G. M.....Kansas.
John C. Underwood, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
William Seymour, P. G. M.....Louisiana.
Henry A. Taylor, P. G. M.....Lower Prov., B. N. A.
John Read, P. G. M.....Maine.
Charles H. Rawlings, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
Albert L. Fessenden, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
Edward H. Thomson, P. G. M.....Michigan.
D. A. Morrison, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
John H. McKenzie, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
William H. Graves, P. G. M.....Missouri.
James L. Davis, P. G. Rep.....Montana.
Thomas J. Staley, P. G. M.....Nebraska.
J. L. Greeley, P. G., (for one year, *vice* William Lucas, resigned).....Nevada.
C. C. Batterman, P. G. M.....Nevada.
Henry A. Farrington, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
William A. Newell, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
John W. Stebbins, P. G. M.....New York.
William H. Bagley, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
Henry C. Hedges, P. G. M., (for one year, *vice* Nathan Jones, resigned).....Ohio.
James A. Armstrong, P. G. Rep.....Ohio.
Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. M.....Ontario.
W. S. Newbury, P. G. W.....Oregon.
Isaac A. Sheppard, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
John Hampden Field, P. G., (*vice* A. Allen Murphy, resigned).....Quebec.
Gilbert F. Robbins, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
Silas Johnstone, P. G. P.....South Carolina.
George B. Boyles, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
M. D. Herring, P. G. M.....Texas.
George H. Bigelow, P. G. Rep.....Vermont.
James B. Blanks, P. G. M.....Virginia.
W. W. Evans, P. G.....Washington.
George L. Hensel, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
John G. Clark, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.
H. Altman, P. G. Secretary.....Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

W. A. Shields, P. G. Rep.....Alabama.
Charles H. Randall, P. G. M.....California.
Clarence P. Elder, P. G. Rep.....Colorado.
Charles W. Smith, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
David Downs, P. G. P.....Delaware.
John T. Given, P. G. P.....District of Columbia.
Charles A. Robbe, P. G. Rep.....Georgia.
C. W. Heaton, P. G. P.....Illinois.
D. Ferguson, P. G. P.....Indiana.
Herman Block, P. G. M.....Iowa.
S. H. Kelsey, P. G. P.....Kansas.
Tal. P. Shaffner, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
J. E. Rengstorff, P. G. Rep.....Louisiana.
Augustine D. Smith, P. G. P.....Maine.
Henry F. Garey, P. G. M.....Maryland.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

Enos H. Tucker, P. G. M., (for one year, *vice* L. Marshall, resigned).....Massachusetts.
Nathaniel A. Very, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
Norman Bailey, P. G. P.....Michigan.
William Cheney, P. C. P.....Minnesota.
Charles Lehman, P. G. P.....Mississippi.
T. T. Parson, P. G. P.....Missouri.
J. C. Ford, P. G. P.....Nebraska.
A. D. Meacham, P. G. Rep.....Nevada.
John H. Locke, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
William N. Nutt, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
George Haskins, P. G. P.....New York.
William B. Kennedy, P. G. P.....Ohio.
John Gibson, P. G. P.....Ontario.
A. G. Walling, P. G. Rep.....Oregon.
M. Richards Muckle, P. G. P.....Pennsylvania.
Allen Jenckes, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
Robert Thompson, P. G. P.....Tennessee.
R. A. Blandford, P. G. P., (for one year, *vice* A. T. McKinney, resigned).....Texas.
J. A. Haynie, P. G. P.....Texas.
Nelson C. Hyde, P. G. M.....Vermont.
Jacob H. Robinson, P. G. P.....Virginia.
George E. Weatherby, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. Stafford, H. D. Walker,
L. T. Minturn, J. J. Walton,

Rep. Stafford, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that a telegraphic dispatch was submitted to us directed to the R. W. Grand Secretary, purporting to be from the R. W. Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of California, informing him that H. S. Winn, P. G. P., had been appointed to represent that body in the Grand Lodge *vice* C. N. Fox resigned.

Your committee would therefore recommend, as in the case of Bro. M. S. Burrell, P. G., of Oregon, admitted at the session of 1864, that Bro. H. S. Winn be admitted to his seat.

Respectfully submitted.

I. C. Stafford, H. D. Walker,
L. T. Minturn, J. J. Walton.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, and supplemental report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In obedience to the Constitution I submit this, my report for the year past.

The general returns give the following as the condition of the Order at the present time:

	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Encampments.	Subordinate Encampments.	Lodge Initiations.	Lodge Members.	Encampment Members.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.
Year 1877.....	48	6,878	39	1,835	36,087	448,019	84,787	$1,705,266 71	$4,423,051 85
Year 1878.....	50	6,975	39	1,863	33,860	442,291	82,408	1,740,405 68	4,266,986 52
Increase.....	2	97		28				$35,138 97	
Decrease.....					2,227	5,728	2,379		$156,065 33

DECISIONS.

1. A Subordinate Lodge cannot confer the Degree of Rebekah upon the unmarried daughter or sister of an Odd Fellow of the Fifth Degree, and a widow, who is such daughter or sister, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge.

2. A Rebekah Degree Lodge can confer the degree upon a member of a Subordinate Lodge who presents the proper certificate, although he does not apply for membership in said Degree Lodge. The right to confer the degree is not taken away by the law of last session. The Annual and the Permanent P. W. of the degree alone are to be given in such case.

3. A brother or sister not a member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge is not entitled to the Semi-Annual P. W. of that degree, nor can they visit such a Lodge within the jurisdiction to which they belong.

4. The Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, in his capacity as Noble Grand, is not entitled to the Semi-Annual P. W. of Rebekah Degree Lodges. That P. W. is to be given only to members of such Lodges.

5. An elective officer of a State Grand Lodge was suspended for three months in his Subordinate Lodge, after trial and conviction, on charges of "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow." To the question, What was his status in his Grand Lodge? I answered that his office was vacated and should be filled in the mode provided in the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, and that he would not be restored to his office at the end of his suspension unless the Constitution so declared.

6. The phrase in the first resolution of 1877, (Journal, 7462) "*who is in arrears* for weekly or funeral dues for *more than thirteen weeks*," means "who owes more than thirteen weeks' weekly or funeral dues." Hence, a brother who had paid his dues to December 31st, 1878, was more than thirteen weeks in arrears after the 1st day of April, 1879, if he had made no further payment.

7. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, November 26th, 1876, John W. Smith was elected Grand Representative to the G. L. of the U. S. for the term of two years. He was admitted to the G. L. of the U. S. at its session in September, 1877, and remained a Representative until August, 1878, when he resigned. Peter S. Hoffman was appointed to fill the vacancy, and was admitted to the G. L. of the U. S. at its session in September, 1878. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, in November, 1878, David Ferguson was elected to succeed Bro. John W. Smith. The Grand Patriarch of Indiana decided that the term of Rep. Hoffman expired at said Annual Communication in November, 1878, and that Bro. Ferguson's term of office began at the same time. I reversed that decision, and held that the term of Rep. Smith began when he was admitted to the G. L. of the U. S. in September, 1877, and would expire in two years from that time, and that as Rep. Hoffman was appointed to fill a vacancy his term does not expire until the beginning of the session of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., in Sep-

tember, 1879, and that the term of Bro. FERGUSON does not begin until he has been admitted to that Grand Lodge as a Representative.—*Journal, G. L. of the U. S.*, 6959, 6984.

8. The Grand Lodge of Washington was instituted and its officers elected and installed November 26th, 1878. A Constitution was adopted fixing the Annual Sessions on the second Tuesday in May. On May 13th, 1879, new officers were elected for one year, but the Lodge adjourned to June 13th, 1879, for the purpose of installing the officers elect and for other business. On appeal, I decided that the election was void, and that the original officers held until May, 1880; because, between the institution of the Lodge and May 13th, 1879, the major part of the term of Grand Officers—one year—had not elapsed.

9. The Grand Lodge of Illinois adopted an endowment plan like that reported to this Grand Lodge at the last session, but resolved that it should not go into operation unless the Grand Sire held the plan to be legal and legally adopted. I decided: 1. That no Grand Lodge had power to adopt such a plan until this Grand Lodge authorized it. 2. That the plan was an amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and could not be adopted without lying over one year. The papers, with my opinion, are filed with the Grand Secretary. As an appeal was taken to this Grand Lodge from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the whole matter will come up before the Committee on Appeals.

10. A law of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. takes effect in each State jurisdiction from the time of its enactment, unless the law on its face provides otherwise; or unless, from the nature of the law, it necessarily requires legislation by the State jurisdiction to carry it into effect.

11. A Past Grand member of a Grand Lodge, and in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, has the right to a seat and vote in his Grand Lodge on an election of Grand Officers, although he may not have the P. W. of the current term.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For Warrants and Commissions issued, and Grand Lodges established, see report of Grand Secretary.

Dispensation.—January 27th, 1879, at the request of Seneca Lodge, No. 255, Missouri, I granted a Dispensation for that Lodge to initiate GEORGE WALLACE, formerly a resident of Seneca, in that State, but then a resident in the Indian Territory, within a mile and a half of the Lodge. The nearest Lodge to Seneca, in the Indian Territory, is about seventy miles distant.

In March last I granted permission to Royal Purple Encampment, No. 1, of Dakota, to remove from Vermillion to Sioux Falls, where the prospects are better.

The Charter of Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, in the Indian Territory, instituted in June, 1878, will probably be reclaimed. The Lodge has had but two meetings, and the D. D. Grand Sire writes that it will not succeed.

Grand Encampment of South Carolina.—As this Body has not made any returns for several years, I directed the Grand Secretary to open correspondence with the proper officer of that Encampment and to reclaim its Charter, unless satisfactory reasons against such course were presented. I am glad to state that such reasons were given, and that the difficulties under which the Encampment has labored will probably disappear and she will resume her position.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

The legislation of 1878 (Journal, 7851-2) has resulted in great difference of opinion upon numerous points, as is shown by the decisions herein reported and the papers and periodicals of the Order. The first and second resolutions need explanation, and the Ritual should be so changed as to conform to that legislation. As it stands it is impossible for a lady to deliver the Lecture *verbatim* without ridicule. Under the resolutions it is not clear whether a daughter or

sister, after becoming a member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, can visit a Subordinate Lodge open in the degree; nor whether, in visiting outside of the jurisdiction, the visitor must have a card as well as the Annual Pass Word; nor whether, in changing "the instruction in the Ritual" under the first resolution, it is intended to omit the paragraph relative to the Annual Pass Word and its use.

CHARTS, CERTIFICATES, EMBLEMS, ETC.

M. C. LILLEY & Co., of Columbus, Ohio, during the last three years have been issuing and selling a chart called "Odd Fellows Record," containing many of the emblems of the Order, and in the centre these words:

"Brother was initiated in Lodge, No. , located at , State of , on the day of 18 . Received the First Degree, 18 ; the Second Degree, 18 ; the Third Degree, 18 ; the Fourth Degree, 18 ; and the Scarlet Degree, 18 ."

Objections being made in some places by Odd Fellows to the sale of this chart as against the laws of the Order, Messrs. LILLEY & Co. asked my opinion upon the subject. My predecessor called the attention of this Body to this or a similar chart, though he says nothing of these words in the centre; and he does not seem to regard the chart referred to by him as violating any law, except so far as Lodges use charts which contain "figures, emblems, mottoes, &c., not found among the recognized and legitimate symbols of the Order," (Journal, 7175-6). The Finance Committee, to whom this portion of his report was referred, say they do not find anything in it requiring action, further than a recommendation that the law of this Lodge in relation thereto be enforced by the proper officers in all cases. (Journal, 7430). And the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, (Journal, 7433) recommend that the Grand Sire issue a circular to the effect that a publication of any of the forms, lectures, ceremonials, *emblems*, &c., of the Order is a violation of the laws of this Lodge," &c. These reports were adopted and a circular was issued, and in 1878 the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom this subject was referred, reported against the use by Lodges of charts containing emblems, &c., *not recognized* by the Order, and the report was adopted, (Journal, 7760). "By existing law the right to print or publish any portion of the work of the Order, or any form of diplomas, belongs exclusively to this Grand Lodge."—*White's Digest*, 531.

"A member of the Order cannot use any of the emblems belonging to the Order in connection with any advertisement, or public display, not directly appertaining to the wants of the Order."—*Digest*, 588.

In 1871 a more explicit law was enacted, (Digest, 588a). This law, in substance, forbids the use of the name, title, mottoes or emblems of the Order in any private business or enterprise. Following up this law, Grand Sire STUART, in 1872, (Journal, 5285), under the head of "Improper use of the name and prestige of the Order," called our attention pointedly to the "publication of charts, banners and other designs of various kinds, displaying the emblems of the Order," and says: "Having been applied to for permission to publish such charts, &c., I have emphatically stated that I did not possess the authority to do so; furthermore, that the use of such charts, which is practiced in many Lodges and Encampments, in illustrating the principles of the Order, is a violation of law and would not be tolerated. . . . . The right to publish everything connected with the Order—emblems, charts, formulas, &c , I have always regarded as belonging exclusively to the G. L. of the U. S." And when he was confronted with the fact that several Manuals, published by individuals for private gain, are full of emblems and their significations, and that these publications have been expressly sanctioned by the most distinguished men in the Order, he says, nevertheless, such publications of emblems, &c., are a violation of law.

This portion of his report was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and all

they say is that they approve "his action in reference to the improper use of the name and prestige of the Order."—*Journal*, 5475.

Finally, this subject again came up in connection with Grosh's Manual. It will be observed that, in his petition and in the report of the committee, (Journal, 7350, 7433), stress is laid on the publication of "forms and ceremonials." Still, the committee recommend a circular, which was issued by the Grand Sire, and includes "emblems." But at our last session the matter of Grosh's Manual was referred to a special committee, to report at this session.—*Journal*, 7887.

Does this "Odd Fellows Record," published by LILLEY & Co., violate the law so far as concerns "*emblems?*" It is not clear. The law of 1871 aims at preventing the use of the name or emblems in the private business of a brother; as if he had some business entirely independent of the name or emblems, and was using them to advance that business. Here the business itself consists in printing and selling a chart of emblems. On the other hand, the quotations I have made from Grand Sire STUART'S report in 1872, and the action of this Lodge thereon, seem to prohibit the publication of such charts by individuals; and yet, in 1877, the Grand Sire confines himself to charts containing emblems, &c., not recognized among the legitimate symbols of the Order, and in 1878 this Lodge so confined itself, as before stated. So that what the law is, needs to be put in plain terms. We must decide whether it is or shall be illegal for an individual to publish a chart or book containing figures, emblems, &c., which *are* symbols of the Order. This Lodge does not publish any charts, and I do not think the Masonic Order does. Masonic Lodge rooms, from time immemorial, have been covered with such charts. So in our Order for years. Members like to own them, and we should either prepare a chart or permit individuals to do so, under proper restrictions. What our policy should be as to books like Grosh's Manual is not so plain. There is much force in the suggestions of his petition (Journal, 7350), that such Manuals aid the Order. Members and persons not members can and will read them when they cannot have access to our form books, &c.

As to the words in the centre of this chart, the question is whether they amount to a diploma or certificate of membership. If so, the chart, in this respect, is illegal. Undoubtedly, if these words in the centre were signed by any officer of a State Grand Lodge or Encampment, or of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, they would constitute a certificate or diploma, and be in violation of Section 532 of Digest; and as it is the evident intention that they be so signed, I think the "Record" is so far illegal.

Suppose, however, these centre words began: "I was initiated," and were signed by the brother himself, and then the chart were hung up in his house, what law prevents?

I have written this much upon this matter because of the many letters received with reference thereto, and this particular chart seems to raise all the questions which can be raised in this connection. It is plainly designed to steer clear of the law. I submit the chart herewith.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION, TAXATION AND BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Let us consider these subjects together. An amendment is proposed to Article IX., Section 2, of the Constitution of this Lodge, by which the second Representative from a Grand Body shall depend upon a membership of 10,000, instead of 1,000. The object is: 1. Better legislation by a smaller Body. 2. Less expense.

A small legislative Body makes wiser laws in less time and at less expense than a large Body. To gain much in this respect the difference between the Bodies must be great. The proposed amendment reduces the membership of this Lodge from 148 to 105. How much more wisdom there is in the latter number is not clear. Besides, as new Grand Bodies were organized, the Lodge would constantly tend to larger numbers; and according to the theory of "the

smaller the Body the better the law," would as constantly tend to the worst legislation. In other words, this amendment does not go far enough; it is at best temporary; a makeshift. The expense saved by it is much less than is supposed. The mileage and per diem for 1878 amounted to $13,942.95. Deducting $4,393.14, the mileage and per diem of forty-three members—the reduction made by the amendment—and we have $9,549.81 as the amount which would have been required at the last session. That is, if the representation in 1878 had been based on 10,000 instead of 1,000, the expense of mileage and per diem would have been about two-thirds of the amount actually paid, But the Representative tax of forty-three members, to wit, $3,225.00 must be deducted—leaving $1,168.14 as the real saving under this amendment, and this saving would steadily decrease as the numbers of this Body increased.

The amendment, therefore, does not meet the difficulty. We can do more. We ought to reduce representation to one from each Grand Body. This would give us a Grand Lodge of eighty-seven members—not counting Chile and Switzerland, and for a long time the membership would be under 100. The truth is, this Lodge should be composed of but one Representative from each State, Territory or Country under our jurisdiction; not one from each Grand Body. This would make a Grand Lodge of forty-eight members at present, with a probable increase to sixty in the next thirty to fifty years, a Body larger than the Senates of most of the States of the Union. Even without consolidation or segregation of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, this result could be reached by a joint election, just as the two houses of our State Legislatures elect United States Senators in joint convention.

Giving, however, each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment one Representative, and thus having a Lodge of eighty-seven members, the question is how to raise its revenue. Taxation is generally considered in connection with representation. In the American political mind the two go together. Hence, whenever it is suggested that we raise our entire revenue by a per capita tax on the whole membership of the Order the larger jurisdictions object, unless we also give them a representation here in proportion to the tax paid. This per capita tax is the true plan; it is perfectly just, and could be easily borne by the Subordinates. Examine it. This Body is essential to our system of government. Its expenses must come from the members of the Order, equally or unequally; directly or indirectly. Unless good reason be shown to the contrary, equality should be the rule. To secure it, direct assessment upon each Odd Fellow is the only way. The reason assigned for inequality is that the State jurisdictions are the units; that each should have equal power and pay an equal share of the expenses. This was the rule up to 1833, when the present basis of representation and taxation was adopted, except that the tax was $20.00 instead of $75.00. Assuming that *representation* from the State jurisdictions should be equal, it does not follow that *taxation* also should be equal. This is a political idea which has no application here. If this Body were created by the State Grand Bodies, there would be some sense in giving the latter equal power and subjecting them to equal burdens. The reverse is true. This Lodge creates the State Bodies with certain defined powers, large, it is true, but still defined, and these Bodies are a part of the machinery by which this Lodge discharges its high function of establishing and upholding legitimate Odd Fellowship in America. Hence, the question of the support of this Body has nothing to do with the question of representation. The support, or the money essential to existence, is within its sole control, and can and should be raised in any way it deems best from the whole Order. There is, however, reason for equality of representation. States are large communities; some of them respectable nations in extent and resources. They vary in their customs, modes of thought and life, and hence each resists all attempts to force upon it the peculiarities of the others. The smaller are jealous of encroachments by the larger. The remedy is to give them equal power in their legislative head. It is a necessary expedient.

This per capita tax plan was adopted in 1849. Up to that year the mileage

and per diem of Representatives was paid by the State Bodies. The Constitution was then amended so as to pay them out of the treasury of this Lodge; and to provide funds, an assessment was levied pro rata on each State Grand Body, based upon the members under its jurisdiction. Several States protested and the law was repealed. The objection does not seem to have been to the principle of the law, but it was regarded as unnecessary taxation and as tending to the accumulation of a large surplus fund for idle investment. If such a provision were now to be incorporated into our Constitution the tax would be light. A tax of seven cents *per capita* on the entire membership would pay all expenses and enable us to furnish supplies at cost, or a like tax of five and a half cents would pay the expenses of our session, and a small advance on the cost of supplies would pay the other expenses. The total of such a tax in a large jurisdiction would be considerable, but the burden on each of its Subordinates would not be felt. The average membership in Lodges is sixty-five; at seven cents, the tax would be $4.55 per Lodge; and at five and a half cents, $3.57. Putting Lodges at 200 and the tax would be $14.00 or $11.00. These figures are based upon present representation and present expenses, both of which should be reduced to a proper minimum, and then the tax would be less.

If the Grand Lodge differs with me as to a direct per capita assessment, the present arbitrary mode of $75.00 for each vote can remain, but the membership of this Body should be reduced to one from each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment. Possibly with this reduction, by strict economy in all respects, especially in printing; by omitting that unjust annual donation of the Journal and Digest to new members, and by biennial sessions, our expenses may be brought within our income. At our present expense it will require a Representative tax of over $200.00 to meet it. In short, our financial system is a failure. But for the extraordinary revenue derived from the revision of the work in 1845 and in 1872-3, we would have been bankrupt ere now. Your special committee in 1877 (Journal, 7334–7342) demonstrate this, and if we had acted upon the suggestion of their last resolution, and gone into Committee of the Whole on proposed amendments to the basis of representation, I think the result would have been one Representative from each Grand Body. This would have given us a Grand Lodge nearly permanent as to numbers, and the expense of it could easily be estimated. If, at the same time, we had changed the Representative tax into a per capita tax on the whole membership, we would now have a complete system. The expenses would be comparatively a fixed amount and the revenue could not fail, because it would depend on the simple question of how much do we want and then a levy would raise it.

DUES AND BENEFITS.

The time has come for this Lodge to fix the ratio of dues and benefits. Sufficient facts have been ascertained to justify it. Subordinate Grand Bodies do not take hold of the matter in earnest. Let us establish at least a minimum, and require the sick and funeral fund to be kept separate from the management fund, and prohibit the latter from being paid out of the former.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

In connection with representation and taxation a word upon the position of these Past Officers is pertinent. In Article II. of the Constitution, which fixes the membership of this Body, they are not named. Article X. gives them a seat here for the special purpose of debate and motions, and were it not for the decisions of this Grand Lodge (Journal, 1830, 3700, 3719), to the effect that they are permanent members of this Body, one would suppose that their privileges were confined by the Constitution to debate and motions. In other deliberative Bodies ex-members and other distinguished persons who are accorded seats, are not regarded as entitled to the general privileges of full members.

Reflection has convinced me that our whole policy of allowing Past Grand Sires seats in this Body, with the power of debate and making motions, is

wrong. This should be a purely Representative Body, and they only should be allowed to speak in it who are sent here as Representatives. The nearer this Grand Lodge gets to the Subordinate Lodge, where dwells the mass of Odd Fellows, the stronger it will be. If a Past Grand Sire, in the judgment of his State Grand Lodge, be its best man or a proper man for Representative, let the Lodge elect him; otherwise let him stay at home, unless he prefers to visit us as a brother, when he will always be welcome. But no pay, no debate, no motion and no vote for any one except Grand Representatives.

Under the Constitution of 1824 the Past Chief Executive Officer, then called a Past Grand Master, was not entitled to even a seat in this Body. The Constitution of 1829 changes the title of Grand Master to Grand Sire, but does not give Past Grand Sires a seat. WILDEY was Grand Sire up to and including 1833, and when, in that year, a new Constitution was adopted, Article VIII. was inserted: "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote on all questions coming before this Grand Lodge." This provision was evidently the result of respect for the founder of the Order. Since that time Past Grand Sires have been entitled to seats and have been appointed on committees. In some States Past Grand Masters are members of the Grand Lodge. It is contrary to the spirit of American institutions to have any such privileged class in legislative halls. It is an aristocratic or patriarchal feature which has become silently incorporated in the Constitution of this Body, and neither is adapted to our people. If Past Grand Sires were not *quasi* members many of them would be elected Representatives, and the Order get the benefit of their wisdom and experience as now, and unseemly discussions over their pay would be avoided.

ENDOWMENT.

Life insurance, or endowment as it is termed, is attracting attention, and this Body must determine whether that shall become a principle of the Order. Opinions as to its wisdom vary. It has not yet been thoroughly considered. Times have been hard. The age is full of expedients. Men combine and organize for almost everything. For the cure of all diseases physical, mental or moral, there are patents. Men are restless; change is deemed improvement. Some insurance companies spend a large part of their premiums in commissions and unnecessary expenses; others have failed. Hence, Odd Fellows have started mutual aid associations as an adjunct to our system of benefits and charity. Other societies have arisen for the sole purpose of paying an insurance, usually about $2,000.00, on the death of a member, but nothing as a sick benefit. The money is raised by an assessment of one or two dollars at every death. Most of these societies are young, and they have seemed to work so well that Odd Fellows in large numbers have joined them, and are now proposing to incorporate this feature of life insurance into our Order as a remedy for present apparent decline. My judgment is against this new plan. It is a fundamental change in our system. Fraternity, sick benefits and charity constitute Odd Fellowship. These are mixed up with the daily life of men. They go along with us while we work out our destiny. Fraternity is large and develops the soul; the benefit and charity flow from it like water from a spring. They are ever present, and their influence in moulding character during life is immense. This good will among men, this care of the sick, this protection of the widow and orphan has bound and will forever bind Odd Fellows together. It is a living power in the heart always beating. As a rule, men are sick many times before they die, and need the aid of their fellows.

Life insurance, on the other hand, is in the future. It has no daily power. It waits for death, and then pays over its money. Which is better for the mass of Odd Fellows, to receive benefits each week when sick, and to be decently buried when dead; or, to get no benefits, no care when sick, but to leave $2,000.00 at death? Clearly the former. The question then is, can these two different things be united in one system? I think not. Life insurance, in

twenty years, would take all the fraternity out of Odd Fellowship, and then, what is left? Sick benefits and charity would soon go. Besides, we cannot carry both systems. Already these societies, which pay insurance at death, are learning that as time passes the assessments are collected with more difficulty. They are necessarily larger than the annual dues paid to our Lodges, and if brothers cease membership in these for non-payment of dues, much more will they cease membership in such societies for the same cause. In short, the mass of men will not pay the money essential to a sound system of sick and funeral benefits and to life insurance in addition.

A singular fact presents itself. Some Odd Fellows say we must add this life insurance to maintain and perfect our Order, and yet these insurance societies are discussing the propriety of adding to their plan our system of sick benefits. Thus early in their history have they found that *weekly sick benefits is the real want.* I predict that if they add to their institution our system of benefits, the one or the other will, in time, be abandoned. I do not discourage these societies. If based on sound financial principles, and covering sufficient territory, they may afford life insurance cheaper than it is now afforded by ordinary insurance companies, but there is great danger of failure through ignorance of the laws which control such institutions. Temporary success is deceptive. Each man thinks his society will survive him, and that is sufficient for his purposes.

Further, the endowment plan now before this Lodge involves a vast financial scheme, embracing the entire jurisdiction of Odd Fellowship in America; imposes upon the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer most onerous duties, and exposes the Order to the dangers and disgrace of insolvency and crime. It creates within itself a power greater than itself. In short, it converts Odd Fellowship into a colossal insurance company, and that would be death to the institution. By virtue of our fraternity, our care of the sick and distressed, the widow and orphan, and our burial of the dead, we have become a great beneficial, moral and educational power. The financial feature of Odd Fellowship is extensive enough to meet the actual wants of the mass of men, and its glorious fraternity brings it home to the heart and makes it an institution with a principle of life in it. Hence, it has grown and will grow. The germ is there. It is error to suppose that Odd Fellowship depends for its success mainly on the money paid from its treasury, and that it will die if we do not adopt the life insurance system of other and younger societies. Look at Masonry; she has no benefit or insurance system. Centuries have rolled by and she is stronger than ever. So it will be with Odd Fellowship. It has had a splendid history, and if true to its principles it will live, like Masonry, through the ages.

VERMONT AND QUEBEC.

In August, 1874, Oriental Lodge, No. 36, of Vermont, was instituted at a town called Derby Line, which joins Rock Island, in the Province of Quebec, Canada. The boundary between the United States and Canada runs between these two towns. From the nature of the country, Derby Line is isolated from Vermont. Geographically it belongs to Canada. It is not certain whether the institution took place in a room in Derby Line or in a hall in Rock Island, (Journal, G. L. U. S., 6167, 6196). Rep. GALES writes me that he was present and that it was in the former place. However this may be, the Lodge meetings have always been held in Rock Island. Its records are headed Derby Line, its post office address is there, and it has been under the exclusive jurisdiction of Vermont. Its members are about half from Canada and half from Vermont. The Lodge has been under the impression that it had permission from this Body to hold its meetings in Canada and initiate Canadians. The records of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and of this Grand Lodge, are silent upon this point. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has been instituted since our last session; and the Canadian members of Oriental Lodge talk of withdrawing and forming a new Lodge in Canada, about a half mile distant. There is no room in Derby Line fit for the Lodge. If it be, as it clearly is, a Vermont Lodge, it cannot longer meet in

Canada, nor initiate Canadians, without the joint consent of this Body and the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Quebec. The Grand Secretary and others in Vermont, think it important to maintain the present status if possible. The Lodge is one of the very best in that State. If it removes to Derby Line, to whom does the property, real and personal, belong? It is legally a Vermont Lodge, because chartered by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, but the laws of Vermont recognize our Lodges as partnerships, while in Canada they are corporations. By the laws of the Order, all the property belongs to the Lodge, as a Subordinate, in Vermont; and if the Charter were surrendered, the Grand Lodge of that State could claim the property. What Canadian law would say I am not advised. I file with the Grand Secretary all the correspondence.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Austria.—At the close of last session nothing had been accomplished toward the introduction of the Order in Austria. No permission had been, nor is yet, obtained from the government of that country, to introduce it; but shortly after my installation, a letter was received from J. C. PRAETORIUS, Grand Sire of the G. L. of the G. E., inclosing a communication to him from Grand Master BAUER, of the Grand Lodge of Wurttemberg, stating that under the laws of Hungary, there was no difficulty in establishing the Order there. As there were no Odd Fellows in Hungary, at least not five, it was asked whether and how this obstacle could be removed. Accordingly I prepared letters of general instruction upon the subject of introducing the Order in foreign countries; one to Grand Sire PRAETORIUS, and one to the Grand Secretary Bro. RIDGELY; copies of which are hereto annexed. Nothing further has been heard from Austria proper, or Hungary.

Australasia—All reports from this great land show that the Order is flourishing. As expected, it is reaping the fruits of the mission of last year. The Grand Lodge of Australasia, then established, has exercised its sovereign power by creating a Grand Lodge in South Australia, by accepting from the former Grand Lodge of Australia a surrender of the Charter received from the G. L. of the U. S., and in lieu thereof granting a Charter to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and by granting a Charter to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The American system of government in Odd Fellowship is, therefore, in full practical operation in Australasia. New Lodges are springing up. From the minutes of the May quarterly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge in Victoria we read, "The M. W. Grand Master reported that he had granted a Warrant for opening a Lodge near Sydney. . . . 125 members were enrolled, 89 of whom were initiated on the opening night," and "A letter was received from Bro. BATCHELDOR, Past Grand Master, stating that some brothers from Abbotsford Lodge, No. 97, would propose seventy or eighty candidates on one night, if they could be admitted at the half rate."

A question has arisen as to whether Australasia must get diplomas from the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. It is claimed that the Grand Lodge of Australasia has power under its Charter to issue them. Waiving the question of power, it seems to me there is no substantial reason why the Grand Lodge of Australasia should not issue diplomas. We do not desire to derive revenue from these foreign sovereign Grand Bodies, and they ought to be permitted to issue diplomas or certificates of membership, signed by their own officers, sealed with their own seal and engraved and colored according to the taste and style of their own land. These diplomas are mainly for home use, and it is better that they be home-made. They involve neither the work of the Order nor the traveling password and card. I advise this Grand Lodge to yield to the Grand Lodge of Australasia the power to issue them. Indeed, this matter was discussed between myself and the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Australia in our negotiations about cards, and I told them they could issue diplomas, not thinking of the word "certificates" in the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australasia.

Chile.—The papers in the case of the appeal of the late Grand Secretary of

Chile, from the action of the Grand Lodge in expelling him from the Order for appropriating to his own use funds of the Lodge, were referred to me at the last session. He was expelled from the Order without trial, upon a simple resolution unanimously passed. The Grand Master of that jurisdiction, in letters to Bro. RIDGELY and to me, insists that this expulsion was essential to the existence of the Order there. From P. G. Sire LOGAN I learned that the Grand Master is a man of high character, and that his efforts in behalf of the Order have been almost indispensable, and that the situation, in consequence of the expulsion of the Grand Secretary and the apprehended reversal of the action of the Grand Lodge of Chile, was critical. After careful thought, I concluded that no allowance could be made for any peculiarities in this case, and accordingly I advised the Grand Master that the Lodge had no power to expel from the Order; that the only course was to expel from its own Body and direct the Subordinate of the Grand Secretary to try him on charges, and suggested that the Grand Lodge of Chile, of its own accord, at its session this summer, annul its vote of expulsion and take the proper steps to have its late Secretary tried. Recently I have received an answer from the Grand Master, written in the best spirit, stating that he would present my letter to the Grand Lodge, but that he was confident it would not annul the vote of expulsion, and that a trial as proposed would disrupt the Order in Chile. I am now expecting to hear of the action of that Lodge. If it declines to obey the law as suggested, I shall enforce it, unless otherwise directed by this Body. If the trial, in proper form, of any Odd Fellow in Chile is to destroy the Order there, let it be destroyed.

West Indies.—A favorable opportunity occurring to again attempt to introduce the Order in that country, a commission was issued in April to ARCHIBALD BAYNE to institute a Lodge at Bridgetown, Barbados. If this effort be successful, I regard it as important in connection with the proposed plan of intervisitation between ourselves and the Manchester Unity in England.

Turkey.—Application was made to me in May last, by Covenant Lodge, No. 22, of Kentucky, in behalf of Rev. G. N. SHISHMANIAN, a member of that Lodge, for permission to establish the Order in Turkey. Bro. SHISHMANIAN is a native of Armenia, brought up in Constantinople, and after receiving a theological education in Kentucky, was to start about June 1st as a Missionary to that city. He appears very zealous in our cause, and is confident that his advantages for instituting Lodges there will be great. He says the people of that Oriental city "are starving for lack of love, benevolence and charity."

What an Order like ours might accomplish there, no man can tell. There is power in the Turkish race, and if the mass were leavened with the bread of Odd Fellowship they might become as strong in it as Anglo Saxons themselves.

Having no power to advance money for the purpose, and wishing to move cautiously, though much impressed with the almost weird thought of Odd Fellowship in Turkey, I replied that Bro. SHISHMANIAN had better first settle in Constantinople, and that after a reasonable residence there and thorough inquiry into the chances of success, he could advise me, and such action could be taken as seemed judicious at the time.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Under the Constitution no person except a free white male can become a member of the Order. Efforts have been made to remove this qualification as to color, so far as concerns civilized Indians and foreign countries. The operation of this disqualification in the Sandwich Islands, Australia and New Zealand has been bad, and that continually. To force upon those countries our notions upon this subject is, twist and turn it as you will, narrow provincialism. My experience there last year changed my views as to the necessity of longer adhering to our past policy. I recommend that Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution be amended accordingly. I was under the impression that Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, laid such an amendment on the table at the last session, but the Journal, 7791, confines the amendment to Indians.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

This office has been in correspondence with the officers of the Unity relative to an arrangement by which brothers of our Order and the Unity can visit, each the Lodges of the other. A letter signed by myself and the Grand Secretary, was forwarded in March last, to THOMAS COLLINS, Corresponding Secretary of the Unity, suggesting a plan. To this I received an answer dated May 21st, 1879, to the effect that the letter was laid before the Board of Directors of the Unity, and was by them inserted in their report to the A. M. C., and that the action of the latter would be communicated to us.

I have just received from Secretary COLLINS of the Manchester Unity, an answer to the letter to him of March 30th, inclosing the proceedings of the A. M. C., at Edinburgh in June last; from which it will be seen that a plan of intervisitation, proposed by the Grand Sire, has been adopted by the A. M. C. of the Unity; and when this Lodge sanctions it, the brothers of England and America can join hands in all the Lodges of the two countries.

The correspondence and the action of the A. M. C. is annexed hereto.

DEATHS.

Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1847 and 1848, and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1849, 1850, 1851, 1860, 1861 and 1862, died at Boston, Massachusetts, December 1st, 1878, aged 85 years.

Dr. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, who represented the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1848, 1849 and 1861, and for many years occupied the position of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died at New Haven, Connecticut, May 22d, 1879, aged 71 years.

SEATON GALES, for several years a Representative in this Body from North Carolina, died suddenly at Washington, D. C., November 29th, 1878. Bro. GALES was a man over whose grave tears of sympathy and affection may well fall. In very many respects, his was a most attractive, lovable character. In the social circle he was a charm. He was a public spirited citizen, an accomplished scholar, elegant writer, eloquent speaker, zealous Odd Fellow, honest man; most admired and loved by those who knew him best.

R. H. HOTCHKISS, Representative from Wisconsin at the sessions of 1877 and 1878.

JAMES H. STEWART, Representative from Indiana in 1858 and 1859.

GEORGE I. MILLER, Representative from New Jersey in 1865 and 1866.

A. L. STINSON, Representative from Oregon in 1869.

JAMES ATKINSON, Representative from Rhode Island in 1861.

ABRAHAM B. COLEMAN, Representative from Indiana in 1843 and 1844.

STUART W. CAYCE, Representative from Alabama in 1869 and 1870, and Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1871 and 1872.

I leave a more detailed statement of their lives and characters to the Representatives from their jurisdictions.

JOHN B. HARMON,
Grand Sire.

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

I. O O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To whom these presents may come greeting:

WHEREAS, The twenty-sixth day of April is the Anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America, and it has

been the custom and usage of the several jurisdictions under the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. to celebrate the day in such appropriate manner as they may respectively designate;

Now, therefore, I, JOHN B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Sire, by virtue of such usage and the authority of the Grand Lodge, (Journal, 7815), do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order to set apart the twenty-sixth day of April, 1879, for its due observance as the *sixtieth Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America*. And to that end to dedicate the occasion to appropriate exercises, and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold blessings to our Order, individually and collectively.

Done at the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland, this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1879, and of our Order the sixtieth.

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

The Ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Order, may be obtained from the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges, and at the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. GRANL LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hannover, October 1st, 1878.

J. W. STOKES, Esq.,
M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. G. L. of the U. S, Philadelphia;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Herewith enclosed I send you copies of correspondence with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wurttemberg, Bro. BAUER, at Munich, relative to the introduction of our beloved Order in Austria-Hungary, for your kind perusal and cognizance, with the request to cause action thereon at your earliest convenience.

1. Under which jurisdiction shall the Lodges that may be founded in Austria-Hungary be subordinate?

2. If in case that no *five* Odd Fellows can be found to petition for a Charter, would an exception to this rule be approved by the G. L. of the U. S.?

Circumstances in Europe are such that it will be possible only in few cases to organize and found new Lodges successfully, if the prescribed rules must be strictly adhered to. It is generally a mere chance that five Odd Fellows can be found in a large city, and of course the chances are far less in middle sized or small towns; and it must be considered, as in the present case, if it is not advisable to make exceptions, if the propagation of our beloved Order is to be successfully and with surety attained within a reasonable time, without the risk of chance and good luck. I am convinced that Hungary (which, with regard to the established laws of Austria, is mainly to be taken into consideration), will be a propitious field for our Order, and, I hold therefore, that with all means possible, even if not altogether in accordance with our existing forms and rules, we should endeavor to transplant our system into that country. In Hungary there are a great many Germans, who, in consequence of the somewhat exclusive character of the Magyars, (Hungarian natives), feel the necessity of being bound together socially and in brotherhood, so that the impulse to organize new Lodges is there ready at hand. The connection of the Lodges to be founded in Hungary with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire I recommend as a necessity, because the German elements, (whose acquisition for our great brotherhood ought to be considered), will desire to be in the closest possible connection with the mother country. Until a State Grand Lodge can be established in Austria-Hungary, the Lodges of that country will have to be subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The M. W. Grand

Master, Bro. BAUER, is the proper man to prepare everything necessary for the introduction of the Order into Hungary. To accomplish this, however, we should have certain means at our disposal; and I urgently request for the success of the cause that you aid us in this respect with a sum, the amount of which cannot exactly be named, but we apprehend will exceed $400.00.

In expectation of further communications on this subject, I embrace this occasion to assure you of my highest regards, and my earnest hope that our beloved Order may within a short time find a home in Austria-Hungary.

With brotherly greeting I remain,

Yours in F. L. and T.,

J. C. PRAETORIUS, *Grand Sire.*

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF WURTTEMBERG.
Munich September 20th, 1878.

J. C. PRAETORIUS,
M. W. Grand Sire G. L. G. E., Hannover;

ESTEEMED FRIEND AND DEAR BROTHER:—In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wurttemberg, Session of 1875, at Ulm, you will find a memorial laid before that Worthy Body by me, relative to the introduction of our beloved Order into Austria-Hungary. Upon that memorial the R. W. G. L. G. E. deliberated at its session of the same year, but it is to be regretted that only the good will became manifest; whilst no action followed from the higher authorities. My case ended like straw fire. In the year 1876, I utilized my wedding tour to Italy and Vienna to continue my endeavors just where I had stopped in 1873, and I have to-day unexpected prospects. In Hungary the association laws are different from those of Austria; no obstacle exists, and Hungary lies open for us. But to this end I need your counsel and your assistance. About three weeks ago I received a letter from T. FISSHER, *Flossmeister*, (*Inspector of rafts and rivers*), at Newhaus, (on the Danube), who is a Mason and thoroughly acquainted with our Order, in so far as it is possible for one *not an Odd Fellow* to be. He requested me to aid him in the introduction of our Order to Hungary. In my answer to him I represented the obstacles and difficulties to be encountered, in the strongest colors, expecting that he would become discouraged; but to the contrary I received to-day the inclosed letter. What is to be done? The man is good, the prospects are fair. Shall we let this favorable occasion pass? I am opposed to such a course. It is our holy duty, like the apostles, to endeavor to draw all mankind into our great Brotherhood. A man who does not hesitate to travel from Hungary to Munich to become a member of our beloved Order must be of good timber, and to such a one we ought to give a helping hand. The accomplishment of this project will encounter certain obstacles, I admit; but, being fully posted in regard to Austrian affairs, I hope to be able to overcome them. I will now lay before you the following questions:

1. Since it is very improbable that we can find five Odd Fellows in Austria-Hungary to petition for a Charter, would it be possible, (of course by permission of highest authority), that Mr. FISSHER with about twelve Hungarian candidates could come to Munich, be initiated, receive the degrees, and immediately hand in their petition; and then, with the so obtained Charter, proceed to establish their own new Lodge?

At the first glance of this proposition the thing may seem absurd, and I beg your pardon for the suggestion; but the object is the introduction of our Order in Austria, the home of my family, a desire of mine of long standing; and you know love is a great incentive, and sometimes accomplishes its object by the most absurd ways and means. Give me full power, and the year 1879 will greet our Order in Austria-Hungary.

2. Am I authorized to propose this plan to Mr. FISSHER? (Although I have known him less than six months, it is an exceptional case).

3. I request you to consider also whether the proposition, that the Hungarians should travel to Munich to be initiated, then petition for a Charter, and bear all expenses thereby incurred themselves, is not asking too much of those who desire to institute a Lodge? My opinion is nevertheless that the above mentioned way is the best, provided the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire will aid in meeting the so accruing expenses.

Please return as soon as practicable Mr. FISSHER's letter with your reply, to enable me to communicate with him. I urgently request you to do your utmost in this matter. Austria-Hungary offers a broad field, and just now is a good chance. Perhaps you may also be induced to prompt action inasmuch as the R. W. G. L. G. E. at the Session of 1875, by resolution enjoined upon the Grand Sire at the time being, to use his best efforts in this direction.

Should the present chance pass without results, I intend to allow myself to be elected as Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, for the purpose of advocating this matter with all my ability, as I have really done since 1873, at which time I remained six months at Vienna, but had to return without practical results, only on account of the remissness of Bro. ALTVATER, and other high officials then in power.

I am, truly yours,

F. X. BAUER, *Grand Master.*

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hannover, September 28th, 1878.

F. X. BAUER,
M. W. Grand Master G. L. Wurttemberg, Munich, Bavaria;

ESTEEMED FRIEND AND DEAR BROTHER:—Regarding the affair in question, I am entirely of your opinion, that we should endeavor by all means to establish our beloved Order in Austria-Hungary, respectively, in Hungary first. As the case stands at present it would above all, be necessary to publish a call in some of the Hungarian newspapers, announcing the intended introduction of the Order into Hungary and the founding of a Lodge, inviting all who belong to our Order, and are willing to participate in such an object, to communicate with Mr. FISSHER, at Newhaus, or with yourself. Proceeding thus, it could soon be ascertained whether the requisite number (five) Odd Fellows resided either at one place or in several places situated near together, thereby avoiding a great many difficulties and considerable expenses in founding a new Lodge.

Another important question is also to be considered, viz:—under which jurisdiction the new Lodges are to be subordinate. My personal experience inclines me to the opinion that the Grand Lodge of the United States will at present decline to place those Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, but will retain them under its own supervision. About other measures to be taken for the attainment of the project the Grand Lodge of the United States will have to decide. In case no results are realized by the advertisement, I would, under consideration of the peculiar circumstances and in the interest of the cause, suggest the following course: First—Propose Mr. FISSHER for membership in your Lodge, and confer the necessary degrees upon him, provided, of course, the information to be obtained relative to him be satisfactory. Second—Then instruct Bro. FISSHER, refer him mainly to Grosh's Manual, give him all the information necessary, induce him to obtain suitable candidates and make the requisite preparations, procure a convenient room for a Lodge, so that the proposed may be initiated at the new place.

The Grand Lodge of the German Empire, unfortunately, does not possess the

means to defray the expenses that will necessarily be incurred in the propagation of the Order, and I will therefore request the Grand Lodge of the United States to assume the responsibility of the expenses accruing and place an adequate amount at our disposal.

The cost of advertising you will please charge at present to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

Hoping that the foregoing suggestions may suffice to induce the requisite preparations, I return herewith enclosed Mr. FISSHER's letter, with my most sincere wish that I may live to see the realization of your hopes in a short space of time.

In expectation of further correspondence, I remain, with brotherly greeting in F. L. and T.,

Yours very respectfully,

J. C. PRAETORIUS, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

San Francisco, Cal., February 16th, 1878.

J. C. PRAETORIUS,
M. W. Grand Sire G. L. G. E., Hannover;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of October 1st, 1878, to my predecessor, relative to establishing the Order in Austria-Hungary, is before me. I have delayed an answer partly from the pressure of private business, and partly because of my desire thoroughly to consider the matters presented, and to decide upon a plan at once practicable with you, and yet consistent with the laws of the Grand Lodge of which I am the Chief Executive.

For several years past this Grand Lodge, at the suggestion of a former Grand Sire of the G. L. G. E., has sought permission from the Emperor of Austria to introduce Odd Fellowship there. From changes of ministry, or other causes, little progress has been made. Our settled policy is not to attempt such introduction without the full consent of the government; and as we have failed hitherto to get consent, we have been forced, for the time, to abandon effort in that direction.

Now, however, the question is put in a new light. Grand Master BAUER, of the Grand Lodge of Wurttemberg, whose letter you inclose, states that the laws of Hungary offer no obstacle to the introduction of the Order there. If this be true, there is no difficulty except the expense. Your communication came too late for action at the last session of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., (lately the G. L. of the U. S.,) and I have no power to authorize the expenditure of money for that purpose, though the Grand Lodge at its next session would probably contribute a small sum.

As to the mode of forming a Lodge in Hungary, I think it can be done even if five Odd Fellows cannot be found there willing to undertake it. The plan proposed by Grand Master BAUER, that a certain number of persons, five or more, go to Munich and be initiated, and receive the degrees, and then return to Hungary and be formed into a Lodge by an officer specially commissioned by the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., is feasible. A less expensive plan would be for Bro. BAUER to receive a commission to establish the Order in Hungary, to go there and *make ten or twenty Odd Fellows* by giving them the initiatory work and the five degrees himself, and then receive from them a petition for a Lodge and to institute and install its officers. I have no doubt as to my power to grant a commission to do this. As you say, the precise form of establishing Lodges here or in Germany cannot be followed when we form Lodges in countries where there are no Odd Fellows.

If a Lodge be instituted in Hungary in this way, it can be placed under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of the G. E. until the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. directs otherwise.

Before permitting Grand Master BAUER to enter upon the duties of his commission, let me impress upon you the necessity of being *entirely sure* that the laws of Hungary do not oppose. I do not see how we can introduce the Order into Austria-Hungary, and yet cannot introduce it into Austria proper. It would seem that the laws of the Empire with reference to *secret societies* ought to embrace its whole territory, and that there cannot be one law for Austria proper and a different law for Hungary. But Bro. BAUER states otherwise, and he may be right. I wish you to see that no error be committed in this matter.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, will be charged with the details and with further directions.

Trusting that you may be enabled to plant our tree in Hungarian soil, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

San Francisco, Cal., February 17th, 1879.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Enclosed herewith find letter to J. C. PRAETORIUS, Grand Sire G. L. G. E., to be forwarded when you write him with reference to the matters contained herein.

In yours of November 16th, 1878, my attention is called to the mode of introducing the Order in foreign lands. The legislation of the G. L. of the U. S. during the last ten years shows its policy to establish Odd Fellowship in all civilized countries where it is desired, and can be established without expense to that Lodge. In 1869 (Journal, 4631, 4680) the Grand Sire was authorized to establish the Order in Germany, and also "in other civilized countries, upon proper application for the same."

You ask, "Is it essential in such cases that application be made for a Charter by five Odd Fellows?" I think not. Article I. of the By-Laws refers to our own country. The words "State, District or Territory," apply to the United States only. The mode of instituting new Lodges at home furnishes a safe precedent in introducing the Order in other lands, but cannot be exclusive of other modes. In the latter case, necessity will frequently compel a different course. If there be five Odd Fellows at hand, they can petition. If there be none, the Commissioner appointed must himself make them. Suppose the Emperor of Austria should to-day give us permission to introduce the Order in Vienna, and that while there were no Odd Fellows in that city, there were ten thousand men who desired to become such. He would be a very silly Grand Sire who should decline to make of those men enough Odd Fellows to form a Lodge. This Grand Lodge has recognized this necessity and mode in the cases of Australia, Germany and Chile. Besides, with reference to Austria, this Grand Lodge has expressly authorized the Grand Sire "to adopt such measures as may seem to him most judicious for planting the Order in that country, if he be permitted by its government to do so."—*Journal*, 6206, 6207, 5927.

As stated in mine to Grand Sire PRAETORIUS herewith, it seems that the laws of Hungary do not present any obstacle to the introduction of the Order there; and as Hungary is part of the Austrian Empire, I have no hesitation in construing the language of the report and resolution just quoted to embrace that country as well as Austria proper.

You will therefore prepare the proper papers to authorize Grand Master BAUER to establish the Order in Austria-Hungary, in accordance with the principles of this letter and the letter herewith to Grand Sire PRAETORIUS; the Lodge or Lodges instituted to be attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire until further action of this Grand Lodge.

You will inform Grand Sire PRAETORIUS that the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. will not be responsible for further expenses until he is further advised. Any books or other documents usually furnished in such cases can be forwarded at your discretion.

Please give such other instructions as to details as in your judgment are necessary and proper, and advise me of your action. Possibly it may be well, before sending papers, to again communicate with Grand Sire PRAETORIUS, cautioning him especially as to not violating the laws of the Austrian Empire, though I do not think this necessary.

Fraternally,

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COR. AND REC. SECRETARY,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Baltimore, Md., March 1st, 1879.

J. C. PRAETORIUS,
M. W. Grand Sire G. L. G. E., Hannover, Germany;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I herewith transmit to your address the accompanying official communication from JOHN B. HARMON, of San Francisco, California, the present Most Worthy Grand Sire of this jurisdiction which will fully explain itself, and the particular subject to which it applies, with the causes, which have intervened to delay its dispatch. There are, in addition to the general views which he presents to your attention on the interesting subject referred to, some special views which he presents, which I will take occasion to submit to your special notice. First he pauses to consider whether any difference exists as to law in Austria touching the government and control of secret societies, or in other words whether in Hungary, distinctively as a part of Austria, any privileges or protection of law will attach to secret societies, to which in Austria at large they would be especially exempt. Grand Sire HARMON desires it to be understood, that in entering Austrian territory, care must be taken to defer scrupulously to the laws of the country. Grand Master BAUER's letter would seem to distinguish between the laws of Austria and the laws of Hungary in this respect. Grand Sire HARMON is doubtful on this subject, remarking in his letter "that he does not see how we can introduce the Order into Austria-Hungary and yet cannot introduce it into Austria proper. It would seem that the laws of the Empire, with reference to secret societies ought to embrace its whole territory, and that there cannot be one law for Austria proper, and a different law for Hungary." He explicitly instructs that no error be committed in this matter, and I therefore am very decisive in my language in conveying his instructions. You will readily observe the importance of this preliminary step, that if possible all conflict may be avoided with the government upon a subject, which comprehends religious scruples. We shall include in the package sent from this office the following details, viz: 1. A commission authorizing Grand Sire PRAETORIUS to initiate, or cause to be initiated sufficient members to constitute a Lodge in Hungary. 2. A document authorizing the G. L. of G. E. to exercise supervision over such Lodge or Lodges until the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction shall otherwise direct. The present informal authority of Grand Sire HARMON is sufficient to authorize Grand Sire PRAETORIUS to delegate Grand Master BAUER or such properly

qualified brother as he may select, to proceed with the organization of a Lodge in Hungary.

Books for a new Lodge will be sent by steamer Leipzig, which will sail from Baltimore for Bremen, Thursday, March 6th. The package will be sent to Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, Berlin. Meanwhile the G. L. of the G. E. can furnish the books if necessary, to be replaced from this office.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A.

I, JOHN B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F., to our well beloved brother, J. C. PRAETORIUS, *M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire*, and to all whom it may concern, GREETING:

KNOW YE, that, reposing special confidence in your knowledge and discretion, I do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby appoint and commission you, the said J. C. PRAETORIUS, our Special Deputy for the country known as Austria-Hungary. And as our S. D. Grand Sire for the said jurisdiction, you are hereby authorized to initiate and make Odd Fellows (or cause the same to be done by qualified brothers) of such number of worthy persons as may be necessary to constitute a Lodge, and confer upon them the five subordinate degrees of the Order; to establish Lodges within the said jurisdiction upon the proper petition of a constitutional number of Odd Fellows, according to the ancient usages and customs of the Order, and not contrariwise; and generally to do and perform such acts as appertain to your office, as are calculated to introduce and establish on an enduring basis the system of Odd Fellowship in the said country, to the benefit of the people thereof and the advantage of the Order throughout the world.

You are required to make special report to the M. W. Grand Sire in each and every instance in which the authority to institute Lodges is exercised, and transmit, without delay, full and particular details of the same to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

This Dispensation shall go into effect from the day of the date hereof, and remain in full force for and during the period of one year, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Sire.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, [SEAL] this first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and of our Order the sixtieth.

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

WHEREAS, I have this day, by special Dispensation, authorized J. C. PRAETORIUS, *M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire*, to institute Lodges in the country known as Austria-Hungary, and the interest and convenience of such Lodges will be promoted by placing them under the charge of a contiguous jurisdiction, I therefore order and direct, (the G. L. of the G. E. accepting the charge) that all Lodges that may be instituted by virtue of the aforesaid Dispensation, be and they hereby are attached to the R. W.

Grand Lodge of the German Empire until such time as the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. shall otherwise direct.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and of our Order the sixtieth.

[SEAL.]

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A.

I, JOHN B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F., to our well beloved brother, ARCHIBALD BAYNE, of Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies, and to all whom it may concern, GREETING:

KNOW YE, that, reposing special confidence in your knowledge and discretion, I do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby appoint and commission you, the said ARCHIBALD BAYNE, our Special Deputy for the aforesaid Island of Barbados, West Indies. And as our S. D. Grand Sire for the said jurisdiction, you are hereby authorized to initiate and make Odd Fellows of such number of worthy persons as may be necessary to constitute a Lodge, and to confer upon them the five subordinate degrees of the Order; to establish Lodges within the said jurisdiction upon the proper petition of a constitutional number of members of this Order, according to the ancient usages and customs of the Order, and not contrariwise; and generally to do and perform such acts as appertain to your office, as are calculated to introduce and establish on an enduring basis the system of Odd Fellowship in the Island of Barbados, to the benefit of your people and the advantage of the Order throughout the world.

You are required to make special report to the M. W. Grand Sire in each and every instance in which you shall exercise the authority to institute Lodges, and transmit, without delay, full and particular details of the same to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

This Dispensation shall go into effect from the day of the date hereof, and remain in full force for and during the period of one year, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Sire.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows this the seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and of our Order the sixtieth.

[SEAL.]

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

ODD FELLOWS' OFFICES,

97 GROSVENOR STREET, CHORLTON-ON-MEDLOCK.

Manchester, England, September 13th, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your letter of 23d of July last, addressed to my predecessor, Mr. JOHN SCHOFIELD, was duly received.

At the meeting of the Directors of the above society held last month, the letter of the 23d of July was laid before them, and the following resolution was then adopted, viz:

"That the letter from Baltimore be answered by sending a copy of the July,

1878, report, and calling attention to clause 17 of the Directors' Report, (page 42), which was adopted by the A. M. C."

I have the pleasure, accordingly, to send you by book-post a copy of the proceedings of the late A. M. C., at page 42 of which you will find the clause referred to. What is your opinion of the suggestion of the Directors as to a special pass word being prepared? I shall be glad to hear from you.

Reiterating the kind expressions of your letter, I am,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS COLLINS, *Cor. Sec.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COR. AND REC. SECRETARY,

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Baltimore, October 1st, 1878.

THOMAS COLLINS, Esq.,

Corresponding Secretary, Manchester Unity, England;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of 13th of September has just been received. It has reached me at too late a period to be of any service during the present year. The G. L. of the I. O. O. F., as the Body is now styled by virtue of a change of name and title made at the late session, having adjourned without day on Saturday, the 21st of September, no other power under that jurisdiction is competent to consider the subject to which you now invite my attention, until the next annual session, on the third Monday of September, 1879. This is very much to be regretted. Nevertheless, I will communicate your letter to the M. W. Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, of San Francisco, California, who will make known his views on the subject, derived from his experience on his official visit to Australasia during the last year.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec.*

The clause referred to by the Corresponding Secretary of the Manchester Unity is as follows:

"In accordance with the resolution of the Oldham A. M. C., the correspondence in reference to the proposal for interchange of visits by members of each Order has been continued, and the Directors recommend that a special pass word be prepared each year for such purpose, and transmitted by the Executive in both countries for the information of Lodges.

"The Directors have much pleasure in acknowledging the kind expression of fraternal feeling expressed by the Executive of the American Order, and trust the result of their efforts may lead to the establishment of a system which may ultimately be to the mutual advantage of the members of both Orders."

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

San Francisco, Cal., March 30th, 1879.

THOS. COLLINS,

Corresponding Secretary, Manchester Unity, England;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of September 13th, 1878, to Bro. RIDGELY, with reference to a plan by which members of the Manchester Unity and of the American Order of Odd Fellows may visit each the Lodges of the other, has had our earnest consideration. Assuming that we are all, in England, Australia, New Zealand and America, in favor of such visitations, and that they will result in good and good only, it seems to us that there is no real difficulty in the way. The main thing is to get a Manchester Unity man into

an American Lodge, and to get an American Odd Fellow into a Unity Lodge; and this can be done in the year 1879, as well as to negotiate for ten years to come. The suggestion of the A. M. C. of the Unity at its meeting at Exeter, in June, 1878, as shown in Clause XVII., p. 42 of the Proceedings, is practicable. We do not, however, see that a *special* pass word is necessary. In America, as you are aware, we have an Annual Traveling Pass Word, to be used with a card, when visiting out of the jurisdiction where a brother resides—that is, in visiting in other states of the Union. Why cannot this word be transmitted each year to the Unity, and be given by it to the proper officers of its Lodges? In like manner the pass word in use in England could be transmitted here. This would simplify matters, as a member of either Order would have only *one* Traveling Pass Word to remember. The Unity brother would take his card with his English Traveling Pass Word, and that would be recognized in America; the American brother would take his card with his American Traveling Pass Word, and that would be recognized in England, and, we suppose, in Australia and New Zealand.

Probably it would conduce to orderly visitation if the C. S. were explained to the visitor in the ante-room, and an obligation not to reveal the secrets of the Order there administered. Then, instead of limiting the visits to Lodge meetings when there was no initiation, as has been suggested by some, we would allow visits without restriction. What objection is there to an English or American Odd Fellow witnessing the entire work of a Lodge in either country?

As a natural consequence of such visits, the question of benefits in case of sickness will, in time, require regulation. An English Odd Fellow, if taken sick near an American Lodge which he is in the habit of visiting, would doubtless turn to the Lodge rather than to strangers for aid. What aid should be rendered must be fixed by mutual agreement between the countries. This would come in due time. At first, we could safely rely upon the good will of all concerned. After experience has tested the plan of inter-visitation, the necessities growing out of it will develope, and can be met. What we want now is to open our doors to each other. When one of the undersigned, the Grand Sire, was in Australia and New Zealand last year, nothing gave him more pain than the fact that, while he could meet his Manchester brother at the festive board, in public places, and discuss with him the great principles of a common humanity, yet at the door of the Lodge room they must part; and the Grand Masters of the Unity in both of these countries expressed themselves strongly against the injustice of the position.

Let us end this state of things, and bring the Odd Fellows of England and her Colonies into that communion with the Odd Fellows of America which a common origin, history and language demand.

Hoping and believing that the Grand Master and Board of Directors will so present this matter to the A. M. C. at its ensuing session in June, that the latter will authorize its officers to adopt and execute the foregoing or a better plan,

We remain, most fraternally yours,

JOHN B. HARMON, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

P. S.—Please reply as soon after the action invited by the A. M. C. is taken, and let it be definite, in order that we may report to our Grand Lodge, which meets in September, 1879.

ODD FELLOWS' OFFICES,
97 GROSVENOR STREET, CHORLTON-ON-MEDLOCK.
Manchester, England, May 21st, 1879.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I duly received your letter of the 30th of March last, which I laid before my Directors at their last meeting.

I am desired by the Board to thank you for your communication, and to inform you that the attention of the ensuing A. M. C. will be called thereto. The Directors have inserted your letter in their report to be laid before the A. M. C. Immediately after that meeting has been held I will inform you of the result. I remain,

Yours fraternally, THOMAS COLLINS, *Cor. Sec.*

ODD FELLOWS' OFFICES,
97 GROSVENOR STREET, CHORLTON-ON-MEDLOCK.
Manchester, England, July 23d, 1879.

JOHN B. HARMON, Esq.,
M. W. Grand Sire, San Francisco, California;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I regret that, from various circumstances, I have been unable to write you earlier. Referring to my letter of the 21st May last, addressed to Mr. RIDGELY, and to yours of the 15th of June acknowledging the receipt thereof, I have now the pleasure to send you a copy of the proceedings of the Edinburgh A. M. C. On page 36 of such report, you will find the paragraph of the Directors' Report referring to the subject of the correspondence between us, and setting forth the letter which you and Mr. RIDGELY addressed to me, dated the 30th of March last. On page 73 (resolution No. 29) you will find that the 25th clause of the Directors' Report was adopted by the A. M. C.

On hearing from you in acknowledgment of this letter, I shall be happy to carry out the resolution of the A. M. C. by forwarding to you the Traveling Pass Word.

I need hardly assure you that the kindly feelings expressed in your letter of the 30th of March were warmly received by the Deputies at our annual meeting, and I hope such feelings may long exist between the members of our two great Orders.

I remain, yours fraternally, THOS. COLLINS, *Cor. Sec.*

CLAUSE XXV., PAGE 36 OF REPORT OF GRAND MASTER AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANNUAL MOVABLE COMMITTEE, MANCHESTER UNITY.
INTER-COMMUNICATION WITH THE AMERICAN ORDER.

Since the last A. M. C. further correspondence has been received in reference to this matter, in which it has been suggested by the Grand Sire of the Order in America that the Traveling Pass Word of the two Societies be used for the admission of members into their respective Lodges. The Directors recommend that the suggestion be adopted by the A. M. C., and in the event of the Grand Lodge of the American Order agreeing thereto, that the current Pass Word be transmitted to the Secretary of that Order. They further desire to express their gratification at the kindly feeling shown by the officers of the Grand Lodge, and also the hope that the results may tend to the mutual advantage of the members of the two Orders.

Resolution of the A. M. C. (p. 73) adopting above clause.

29. That the twenty-fifth clause be adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND SIRE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

REPRESENTATIVES:—To carry out the principles discussed in my report I have thought it best to submit certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, with the wish that they be considered in committee

of the whole. I have not proposed an amendment to Article XII., relating to biennial sessions, for the reason that there are now pending several amendments to that section. It seems to me, however, that these amendments should go over to the next session when officers are elected, as, if adopted now, the present officers must hold over one year beyond their term in violation of the Constitution. They hold for two years only, and their term cannot be constitutionally extended.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE.

1. Amend Article II. as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the article will read:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

2. Amend Article III., Sections 1 and 2, as follows: Strike out "Most Worthy," "Right Worthy," "Corresponding and Recording," so that the sections will read:

ARTICLE III., SECTION 1. The officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot by a majority of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September, and shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication.

SEC. 2. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and, if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.

3. Amend Article IV., Section 3, as follows: Strike out the letters "M. W." and "R. W.," so that the section will read:

ARTICLE IV., SECTION 3. In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the Grand Sire and the Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office; and, at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office.

4. Amend Article VI., as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the article will read:

ARTICLE VI. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the Journal of all secret sessions; and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to

attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine.

5. Amend Article IX., Section 2, so as to read:

ARTICLE IX., SECTION 2. Each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to one Grand Representative only.

6. Strike out Article X.

7. Amend Article XIV., so as to read:

ARTICLE XIV. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised as follows, viz:

1. By fees for charters of Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

2. By dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, at such rate on each member of the Order in each jurisdiction as this Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine.

3. By such dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as it shall fix.

4. By proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes, and other publications of the Grand Lodge.

8. Amend Article XVI., Section 2, so as to read:

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 2. No person shall be admitted into the Order except free white males of good moral character and twenty-one years of age, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however, that in Australasia, including New Zealand and Tasmania, and in other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age and color shall be left to the local legislation of such Grand Lodges:

Provided further, that in the Sandwich Islands, natives thereof, or persons of mixed blood, may be admitted into the Order in the discretion of the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments there.

Provided further, that members of civilized tribes of Indians, residing on the continent of North America, who are otherwise qualified, may be admitted into the Order.

9. Amend Article XVIII., so as to read:

ARTICLE XVIII. With the previous consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any sovereign jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship recognized by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expenses of such special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the treasury of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge, who may be duly accredited from the same as a special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberate voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings thereof.

10. Change the number of Article XI. to X., and succeeding Articles XII. to XXI. inclusive, to XI. to XX. inclusive.

JOHN B. HARMON,
Grand Sire.

BALTIMORE, September 15, 1879.

On motion of Rep. VAN NORT, of New York, the reports were referred to a special committee for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. VAN NORT, of New York; DAVIS, of Arkansas; FARRINGTON, of New Hampshire; EVANS, of Washington; LEHMAN, of Mississippi.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits his Annual Report. The several duties devolved upon him by law, to be performed during the recess, are comprehended, it is believed, within the following schedule:—

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be charged with the expression of the sentiments of appreciative esteem and love entertained for the Grand Representatives from Louisiana, and for the noble stand they have taken in the hour of peril, and which entitles them to the warmest commendations of this Grand Lodge and of the entire fraternity. —*Journal*, 7690.

2. *Resolved*, That all duplicate Charters hereafter issued shall have subscribed thereto the names of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, at the time of issuing the original Charter, and that a certificate signed by the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be attached to the duplicate Charter setting forth that the same is a duplicate Charter.—*Journal*, 7760.

3. *Resolved*, That the Representative tax, amounting to $75.00, now charged to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, on the books of the Grand Secretary, be and the same is hereby remitted.—*Journal*, 7768.

4. *Resolved*, That the beautiful silver and silver quartz specimens presented by Rep. MEACHAM, of Nevada, be accepted by this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to suitably acknowledge the same.—*Journal*, 7783.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a proper case for the preservation and display of the specimens in the office of the Grand Secretary.—*Journal*, 7783.

6. WHEREAS, the distinguished courtesy and kindness of the R. W. Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., resident in Baltimore, and of the R. W. Grand Representatives of Maryland and the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, in connection with a number of brothers residing in the city, as evinced in the conception and successful execution of the very enjoyable excursion of yesterday to Annapolis, the ancient capital city of Maryland, deserves, at the hands of the Grand Lodge, more than the mere expression of thanks voted at the time of the acceptance of the invitation; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Grand Lodge, on their own behalf and for the members of their families and other friends, who participated in the enjoyments of yesterday, are due, and are hereby most gratefully

tendered to the brothers above referred to, for their warm-hearted, fraternal kindness and hospitality.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to convey to the brethren, above mentioned, assurances of our hearty appreciation of their courtesy, and of our perpetual remembrance of the pleasant associations of the occasion, and of the fraternal kindness that dictated them.—*Journal*, 7784.

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter there shall be no special Messenger to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, but the R. W. Grand Messenger of this Grand Lodge shall in vacation perform for the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary such services as that officer may require.—*Journal*, 7789.

8. The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the matter of an application from Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, beg to report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners for Denmark Lodge be granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, and a Charter issued accordingly, provided the Grand Lodge of the German Empire express their approval of the same previous thereto.—*Journal*, 7808.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be instructed to issue a Warrant for the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory.—*Journal*, 7808.

10. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, and especially to the officers thereof, for their prompt and intelligent action in furthering the efforts of the Special Commissioner, D. G. Sire HARMON, in adjusting all differences.—*Journal*, 7809.

11. *Resolved*, That the copy of the secret work and diagrams, heretofore delivered by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Australia, should now pass to the Grand Lodge of Australasia.—*Journal*, 7810.

12. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to Bro. SAMUEL P. LORD, American Vice Consul General at Melbourne, for his courtesy in placing at the disposal of the Deputy Grand Sire one of the rooms of the Consulate while he was in that city, and for other attentions.—*Journal*, 7810.

13. *Resolved*, That there be a translation of the Ritual into the Italian language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; provided that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to this Grand Lodge at the next session.—*Journal*, 7810.

14. *Resolved*, That Unity Encampment, No. 2, located at Seattle, Washington Territory, be and is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, the latter body consenting thereto.—*Journal*, 7814.

15. The committee recommend the payment of one hundred dollars to D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM, on account of expenses in organizing the Lodges in Holland; but in doing so, the committee does not wish to establish a precedent recognizing any obligation to pay expenses hereafter incurred for introducing the Order or opening Lodges in any country.—*Journal*, 7814

16. The extraordinary expenses incurred on and for the introduction of the Order in Denmark, as particularly explained by the R. W. Grand Secretary; the committee has learned the particulars respecting the expenses referred to, and they recommend the payment of one hundred dollars, as suggested by the R. W. Grand Secretary.—*Journal*, 7814.

17. The Legislative Committee ask further time to consider the subject of "Suspension for Non-payment of Dues," and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary furnish each of the committee with printed slips containing that part of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and the resolutions of Rep. HAVENNER on the subject, and that they have leave to present their report thereon at the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Body.—*Journal*, 7818.

18. *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners, asking for a Warrant to establish a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec, Canada, to be located at

Montreal, in said province, be granted and a Charter issued upon the usual condition that the Representatives to this Grand Lodge receive no mileage and per diem until they have ten working Subordinate Lodges.—*Journal*, 7851.

19. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized and required to solicit and obtain from the next General Assembly of Maryland, a new or amended Charter for this Grand Lodge, by the name it has assumed at the present session of this Body.—*Journal*, 7869.

20. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions that have contributed funds for the relief of yellow fever sufferers during the present season, be requested to send to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the amount of such contribution, specifying the name and amount each Lodge and Encampment has so contributed, to the end that the generous contributions thus made may be recorded in the archives of this Grand Body.—*Journal*, 7873.

21. Your committee respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary, in the publication of the Revised Journal, be requested to condense the abstract of reports from the various jurisdictions, and in addition thereto, omit such items as are not of vital interest to the Order. They furthermore recommend that the names of committees attached to reports be set in double columns, or what is known as half measure.—*Journal*, 7876.

22. *Resolved*, That Rep. Dann, of California, and Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary a copy of their beautiful tributes to the memory of our lamented brother, the late Nathan Porter, Grand Representative, in order that the same may be printed in the Journal of this Grand Body.—*Journal*, 7755.

23. *Resolved*, That the foregoing tribute (report of special committee) to the memory of Patriarch Porter, be spread in full upon the records of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that the mourning tablet hereto annexed, be printed on a mourning page of the Journal of the present session of this R. W. Grand Body. —*Journal*, 7863.

24. *Resolved*, That the remarks of Rep. Given, on the death of P. G. Sire Fred. D. Stuart, be spread upon the Revised Journal, and a memorial page be set apart therein, commemorating the services of the deceased.—*Journal*, 7879.

25. That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States *free of charge* (except express charges), and with one copy of White's Digest and Book of Forms *at cost*.—*Journal*, 7886.

26. *Resolved*, That the change of the name of this Grand Lodge shall in no wise prevent the use and sale of the supplies now on hand in their present form, and that all such supplies shall be proper and legal for all purposes for which they were intended when printed.—*Journal*, 7887.

27. The amendment changing the name of this Grand Lodge, having been properly proposed, and a vote being taken upon its adoption, it having been declared adopted by the necessary three-fourths vote, it immediately became the constitutional provision upon the subject, and is now in full force and virtue. —*Journal*, 7890.

28. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment.—*Journal*, 7892.

29. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to cause an index to be prepared for the ninth volume of the Journal, the cost of the same to be paid out of the incidental fund.—*Journal*, 7896.

30. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Bro. John W. Stokes, retiring M. W. Grand Sire, for the courteous, efficient and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office.—*Journal*, 7899.

31. *Resolved*, That P. G. Sire Stokes be requested to sit for his portrait, that

it may be placed in this hall with those of his distinguished predecessors, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay for the same when completed.—*Journal*, 7899.

32. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to procure a steel plate engraving of P. G. Sire STOKES, and have copies of the same placed in the ninth volume of the Journal.—*Journal*, 7899.

The agreeable duty devolved upon the Grand Secretary by the first resolution was performed soon after its passage. The sentiments expressed by the Grand Lodge in acknowledgment and appreciation of the course of the Grand Representatives of Louisiana in remaining at their homes, at the post of duty, during the prevalence of the yellow fever last summer, was conveyed to them—was promptly acknowledged and the contributions made to their afflicted Lodges gratefully recognized.

No occasion has as yet transpired for issuing duplicate Charters, as authorized by the second resolution, but when required the instruments will be prepared in the form prescribed by the law.

The Representative tax, amounting to $75.00, charged to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and remitted by this Grand Lodge, has been duly credited, as authorized in the third resolution.

The presentation by Rep. MEACHAM, of Nevada, of the beautiful silver and silver quartz specimens so handsomely made by him at the last session to the Grand Lodge has been suitably acknowledged, and a proper case for their preservation and display in the office of the Grand Secretary has been procured, as directed by the fourth and fifth resolutions. These silver and silver quartz specimens are accordingly now preserved and displayed in the Grand Secretary's office, as directed.

The sixth resolution, conveying the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers and members of the Grand Bodies named, who provided the very enjoyable excursion to Annapolis, and so courteously invited their Brothers of the Grand Body to participate, with their families and friends, has been appropriately executed.

The Grand Messenger, Bro. GATCH, in conformity to the provision of the law on the subject in the seventh resolution, has performed the duties of that office, during the recess, at the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in a very satisfactory manner.

The Grand Lodge of the German Empire having been duly notified of the action of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., accepted the charge of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, at Copenhagen, Denmark, as its subordinate, as is required by the eighth resolution, and the Lodge has accordingly passed to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. A regular Warrant for the Lodge having been issued in April, 1878, a new Charter was not required.

The Warrant for the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, under authority of the ninth resolution, has been issued, and the Lodge has been duly instituted by D. D. Grand Sire H. G. STRUVE, whose report is herewith submitted.

The tenth resolution has been promptly executed. Copies of the same, engrossed upon diploma blanks in handsome style, were prepared and presented to the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand respectively, and particularly to their worthy officers, "for their prompt and intelligent action in furthering the efforts of the special Commissioner, D. G. Sire HARMON, in adjusting so harmoniously all differences" then existing between the two jurisdictions. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand acknowledged the reception of the resolutions forwarded to that jurisdiction, and the printed minutes of the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, May 12th, 1879, show that the document reached that Body.

The copy of the secret work and diagrams heretofore belonging to the Grand Lodge of Australia, will now pass to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, as provided by the eleventh resolution, to which the M. W. Grand Sire has doubtless already given his attention.

As provided by the twelfth resolution, the action of the Grand Lodge tender-

ing its thanks to Bro. SAMUEL P. LORD, American Vice Consul General at Melbourne, "for his courtesy in placing at the disposal of the Deputy Grand Sire one of the rooms of the Consulate while he was in the city, and for other attentions," was engrossed on a blank diploma and appropriately presented to him as directed, and an acknowledgment of the same has been received.

No application has been made to this office for a copy of the Ritual for translation into the Italian language, as authorized by the thirteenth resolution and according to its terms. The experience of the Grand Secretary upon the subject of translation of the Ritual into foreign languages is that it is exceedingly difficult, and requires extraordinary care and very exact supervision. I therefore recommend that the subject be always committed to the charge of a special committee.

Unity Encampment, No 2, located at Seattle, Washington Territory, has been informed that with the consent of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, as authorized by the fourteenth resolution, it has been placed under the jurisdiction of the latter Body, and advice has been received that the charge is accepted.

The fifteenth and sixteenth resolutions have been carried into effect by the payments authorized to D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM, and also for the expense incurred by the introduction of the Order to Denmark, as particularly explained by the Grand Secretary.

The duty devolved upon the Grand Secretary in the seventeenth resolution to furnish the Legislative Committee with slips containing that part of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and the resolutions of Rep. HAVENNER, on the subject of "Suspension for Non-payment of Dues," has been performed.

The Charter authorized by the eighteenth resolution to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Canada, to be located at Montreal, in said province, has been issued as directed by the resolution, and the said Grand Lodge has been, I am happy to say, instituted under the most encouraging circumstances, by CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M., of Ontario, whose official report thereof is herewith submitted, and is worthy of your especial attention, for its model care and apt conformity to proper system.

The order given in the nineteenth resolution to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, is duly appreciated and respected, and will receive proper attention at the next General Assembly of Maryland, which will convene in January, 1880.

Due notice, as required by the twentieth resolution, was given to the Grand Secretaries, and Grand Scribes of the several jurisdictions, that contributed funds for the relief of yellow fever sufferers, during the sickness last season, requesting them respectively to report "the amount of such contribution, specifying the name and amount each Lodge and Encampment has so contributed, to the end that the generous contributions thus made may be recorded in the archives of this Grand Body." The several responses made to this circular are herewith reported.

The Grand Secretary would have literally obeyed the order embraced in the twenty-first resolution, "to condense the abstract of reports from the various jurisdictions, and in addition thereto, omit such items as are not of vital interest to the Order." That officer however found it impossible to comply with the request and accomplish the object in view. The entire report of the Grand Secretary was already in type, the expense for which had been incurred. No condensation of the manuscript at that period could have availed in the interest of economy. Nevertheless in a spirit of deference to the committee, the subject was submitted to the M. W. Grand Sire, to the Assistant Grand Secretary and to the printer, each of whom advised against any attempt in that direction. As a general thing in my experience, considering how largely our Order has availed itself of printing, as an immensely valuable educator, it has been justly dealt with by printers; there are doubtless instances to the contrary, but we have now, not only no just cause of complaint, but rather of congratulation, that value has been rendered for the payment made. If the

wish expressed by the Finance Committee, had been practical, the Grand Secretary would have with pleasure obeyed it, and have thus testified his co-operation with them in promoting the economy desired. True, our expenditures during our career for printing have been large, but when we consider the magnitude of the work accomplished, its great extent and field, we cannot justly complain of the cost of this most potent lever of our success as an Order. The committee recommended "that the names of committees attached to reports be set in double columns, or what is known as half measure." In view of the fact that the Grand Secretary took the responsibility of causing the names in the Journal of 1877, to be set in double columns, he was unable to understand what new measure was contemplated by the committee. Believing, however, that economy in space was desired, he concluded to have the names set in three columns or one-third measure, and they so appear, in small capitals, in the Journal of 1878. This is a considerable saving over the "double column" as recommended by the committee, and he trusts his action will meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The request made by the Grand Lodge in the twenty-second resolution, "that Reps. DANN, of California, and HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, be invited to furnish the Grand Secretary a copy of their beautiful tributes to the memory of our lamented brother, the late NATHAN PORTER, Grand Representative, in order that the same may be printed in the Journal of this Grand Body," has been addressed to those brethren, who have promptly complied with your request, and the respective papers referred to accordingly appear on pages 7738–7741, Journal; and the mourning tablet occupies a suitable place in the appendix, as suggested by the twenty-third resolution.

The remarks of Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, on the death of P. G. Sire FRED. D. STUART, have been "spread upon the Revised Journal," and in the appendix a memorial page, "commemorating the services of the deceased," was set apart, as directed by the twenty-fourth resolution.

The twenty-fifth resolution has been carried out.

No detriment has resulted to the "sale of the supplies now on hand in their present form," at the time of the adoption of the change in the Charter of the Grand Lodge, as provided in the twenty-sixth resolution.

The amendment changing the name of the Grand Lodge "having been properly proposed, and a vote being taken upon its adoption, it having been declared adopted by the necessary three-fourths vote, it immediately became the constitutional provision on the subject, and is now in full force and virtue," as declared in the twenty-seventh resolution, has been recognized, and by direction of the Grand Sire the seals of the Grand Lodge were changed to conform to the new name. The expense incurred in this direction amounted to $137.95. No alteration has been made in the dandy roll, as the supply of paper for cards has been sufficient for the requirements of the year. We are informed that it will cost $32.00 to change the present roll, while a new roll can be procured for $125.00.

The twenty-eighth resolution has been complied with, and it is confidently believed that the copies of the daily Journal forwarded, reached their respective places of destination in safety.

An agreement was entered into with Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, R. W. Grand Representative, for an index to the ninth volume of the Journal, authorized by the twenty-ninth resolution, upon very satisfactory terms, which work has been performed by him with his accustomed ability, and will be recognized as a great acquisition to the Order.

The thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second resolutions have been each carried into effect by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary. *First*—The thanks of this Grand Lodge, elegantly engrossed upon a diploma form, have been presented to Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, retiring M. W. Grand Sire, "for the courteous, efficient and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office." *Second*—P. G. Sire STOKES has been invited to sit for his portrait, with which request he has promptly complied, and the work has been

satisfactorily executed by WILLIAM GARL BROWNE, a distinguished artist of Washington City, which now graces the walls of the Grand Lodge saloon, in Odd Fellows Hall, Baltimore, in company with those of all of his distinguished predecessors. *Third*—A steel plate engraving of P. G. Sire STOKES has been obtained. This work is admirably executed, copies of which appear in the ninth volume of the Journal. The Corresponding Secretary has had especial pleasure in carrying out the orders of the Grand Lodge in the premises, not the more from his entire concurrence in the sentiments expressed, than from his cordial and sincere friendship for the brother thus justly honored.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

It has been the custom of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for many years, to present with his Annual Report a general summary of the condition of the Order, derived for the most part from the Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes, D. D. Grand Sires and other reliable local officers of the several jurisdictions. The course adopted has given general satisfaction, and has therefore been recognized as practically approved, and is continued in the present instance; nevertheless, the abstracts made from these sources have been abridged as far as practicable, in the interest of a just economy in the premises. They are now presented as follows:

ALABAMA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received March 22d, from Bro. W. A. SHIELDS, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows:

"While the report does not look so well as it might, yet I feel proud of it, for the outlook was so bad at the end of the first term that I feared we would make but a sorry appearance this year. We have only decreased six in membership, while the financial part shows a very handsome increase in general receipts, and the expenditures for the charitable objects of the Order show an increase of nearly one-third on the amount disbursed last year, or very nearly three dollars per capita of our membership. Advices from many sections of the State, since the meeting of our Grand Lodge in February, indicate a healthy revival, many of the Lodges reporting additions in new material and many wanderers coming back to the fold. This result is principally due to the perfecting of the endowment plan, as hinted at in my last year's report. As it was given to the Lodges last year it was not acceptable, but the Grand Lodge made such changes in it as to remove all objections, and from present indications it is going to have a very happy effect upon the prosperity of the Order in this State."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received April 29th, from Bro. L. R. MCKEE, R. W. Grand Scribe. A loss of fourteen members is noted.

ARIZONA.—The report of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, for the year 1878, was received on the 11th of June, from Bro. CLARK CHURCHILL, D. D. Grand Sire, and exhibits the same number of members (35) reported December 31st, 1876. The report and dues for the year 1877 have never reached this office, though D. D. Grand Sire CHURCHILL was assured by the Lodge that they had been duly forwarded to his predecessor. The District Deputy was requested to investigate the circumstances, and also obtain a duplicate report, which he attended to, and the reports for 1877 and 1878 are combined in the table.

On the 2d day of July a Warrant was issued for Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, to be located at Phœnix, Arizona. Seven brothers, formerly members of Lodges in California, Colorado, Nevada and Oregon, petitioned for the Charter.

ARKANSAS.—On the 3d of March the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. PETER BRUGMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"We are moving onward with sure if not rapid strides, and all is well with us." Gain in Lodge membership, 60; Encampment membership, 4.

AUSTRALASIA.—See Foreign Correspondence.

BARBADOS.—See Foreign Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received

from Bro. James D. Robinson, R. W. Grand Secretary, on the 20th of March. A loss of four members is noted. The current expenses of the Lodge amounted to $2,798.68.

California.—On the 7th of August the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. An increase of 474 in the Lodge and 35 in the Encampment membership is exhibited. The Grand Secretary adds the following: "Increase of Lodges, 16; paid for current expenses, $155,560.03; paid for relief and charity, $182,927.17; total expense, $338,487.20; average per member for expense, $7.33; for relief, $8.63; total average per member, $15.96; average receipts per member, $21.14; average assets per member, $81.93; average age of members, 39 years; total assets, $1,738,134.31; net gain, $109,693.95." A statistical table, exhibiting the work of the 24 Lodges in San Francisco for the year 1878 accompanied the returns, from which it appears the receipts amounted to $128,542.26; total relief and charity, $78,500.46; current expenses, $38,615.15; assets, $662,326.16; average receipts, $23.54; expense, $21.45; assets, $121.26; average age of members, 40 years.

Chile.—See Foreign Correspondence.

Colorado.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received May 12th, and the Grand Encampment June 11th, from Bro. John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. The Grand Lodge report exhibits a gain of 418 members, and the Grand Encampment an increase of 60.

Connecticut.—The report of the Grand Encampment came to hand on the 17th and the Grand Lodge on the 21st of February. Bro. Frederick Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, advised:

"Contrary to my expectations the Grand Encampment report shows a slight increase (30) in membership, and also, in funds for the year, but in the last six months there has been a decrease which I fear will continue unless business interests revive soon. Generally speaking, in our State the pecuniary benefits are small, and while in prosperous times many join the Encampment branch for its social qualities, at present it is regarded as a luxury, or an extra expense which must be cut off for the sake of economy.

"You will notice by the Grand Lodge report that "*old Connecticut*" is marching on and has added 418 to the membership, as well as a considerable amount to the funds. A great deal of hard work has been done the past few years and we are beginning to reap the fruits of it, notwithstanding the depressed condition of the business interests of the country. I find the operations of the Order are being talked about and commended by those who are not of us, and we are gaining a reputation that is of great value. We are soon to restore the Charter of an old Lodge in Willimantic, in the eastern part of the State. This is a very promising field and will undoubtedly introduce the Order in neighboring localities in a short time We can still say that our future in this jurisdiction is full of promise."

Dakota.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 11th, from Bro. Ralph R. Briggs, R. W. Grand Secretary, and exhibits an increase of eighty-one in the membership.

Bro. Briggs, who is D. D. Grand Sire, advised January 24th, that "Royal Purple Encampment, No. 1, is not in a very flourishing condition; Yankton, No. 2, is in excellent condition; Hesperian, No. 3, is numerically and financially better than No. 1, and I think will improve."

The three Encampments report an aggregate of fifty-seven members, a loss of eight during the year.

The Grand Sire authorized the removal of No. 1, from Vermillion to Sioux Falls, and D. D. Grand Sire Briggs advised that the authority was exercised, and the first meeting at the new location was held May 13th, 1879. He says, "prosperity attends this Encampment at last; the receipts of the first meeting amounted to $139."

Delaware.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 15th, from Bro. Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary, who thus wrote:

"Evidences of returning prosperity are presented by the details given in the accompanying report; the accessions nearly equalling the depletions caused by suspensions, so that our loss of members during the year is only thirty-four. To those who understand the position in this jurisdiction it is quite a cheering circumstance that the loss has not been much greater. In finances our Lodges make an excellent exhibit of permanent gains. The health tables show the average rate of former years in the proportion of sickness to each member, and a slight increase in the percentage of deaths." Current expenses of the Lodges, $9,496.11.

The report of the Grand Encampment, received on the 28th of July, from Bro. EDWIN HIRST, R. W. Grand Scribe, exhibits a loss of thirty-two members. The Grand Scribe advised as follows:

"It will be seen that there is a further falling off in the membership of our Encampments, notwithstanding that business generally is slowly improving. It is hardly to be expected, however, that the improvement will be felt in the Encampments before a decided improvement shall have been made in the Subordinate Lodges. Like the ebbing and flowing of the tides in our rivers, as the tide seems to go down in places even after the rising has commenced, so it seems to me is the condition of our Encampments. A reaction has set in among our Lodges, but it must get under full headway before the Encampments will be affected. A battalion of Uniformed Patriarchs has been organized in Wilmington, which is doing a good work, and there is no doubt in my mind, but that through the efforts of this organization a better numerical report will be made next year."

DENMARK.—See Foreign Correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received March 1st, from Bro. P. HALL SWEET, R. W. Grand Secretary, who advised:

"You will perceive a sad depletion in the membership (101) and finances of our Lodges. Whether the future will develop any improvement or not, I cannot say; but at present the prospect is gloomy indeed."

The Grand Encampment report, received February 21st, from Bro. THOMAS W. FOWLER, R. W. Grand Scribe, exhibits a loss of twenty-five members.

FLORIDA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received May 2d, from Bro. ROBERT D. MURRAY, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows:

"Our jurisdiction has gained one Lodge and forty-two members, and is in a condition that betokens rapid advancement in the near future. The large number, and the indifference of the 'Ancient Odd Fellows' in our midst, and the terrible cost of running our Grand Lodge, are the chief elements in opposition to the true and spirited prosperity of the Order in this State. Hard times, too, create many N. P. D. victims, to our great detriment. The great work of our Grand Lodge, the 'Odd Fellows' Home,' received a severe blow by the occurrence of the yellow fever last fall, and it is not in as forward a state as we hoped for. We have a nice lot and about $650 in money, but the Order must send about $10,000 to make the effort a success. I cannot refrain from hinting that the O. F. Home is by no means needed by Florida Odd Fellows. Our Spanish Lodge, Cuba, No. 15, continues to do noble work, and has initiated over fifty persons thus far. Increased complaints are made as to the defectiveness of the translation, and I fain would urge its revision, and also that some efforts be made to introduce the Order into Cuba, at least into Havana."

Bro. JOSEPH Y. PORTER, Key West, succeeds Bro. MURRAY as Grand Secretary.

The returns of Encampments Nos. 1, 2 and 4, were received in due season, but considerable trouble was experienced in obtaining the report of No. 5, which reached this office on the 7th of July. The total membership of the four Encampments is 114, an increase of seven during the year. Bro. L. M. MERRITT, D. D. Grand Sire, wrote: "I regret the results of the past year show so little improvement; but the great depression of the material interests of this section operates against the prosperity of this branch of the Order."

GEORGIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were

received on the 17th of June from Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"You will see that the Order in this jurisdiction is about holding its own, an increase of one in the Lodge membership being exhibited. In certain parts of our State they are doing very well, and from appearances promise a better showing for our next report, and I hope our expectations may not be disappointed. The Encampments are not doing as well generally, as we report a loss of thirty-one members, but, like the Lodges, certain localities do better than others. The members are inattentive, perhaps from the fact that great attention is paid to new organizations with the 'insurance' feature. Since our last Annual Session three new Lodges have been instituted and promise well, while others have surrendered their Charters, but I hold we are doing well if, under all the circumstances, we can keep what we have, and we trust a reaction will take place."

GERMAN EMPIRE.—See Foreign Correspondence.

GREAT BRITAIN.—See Foreign Correspondence.

IDAHO.—The Lodges in this Territory are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Bro. SAMUEL BECK, D. D. Grand Sire, in transmitting the report of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, on the 21st of January, thus wrote:

"The Encampment numbers twenty-five, an increase of eight members during the year, and there are indications that another Encampment will be organized soon in what is called 'Boise Basin,' where there are three Lodges in close proximity. I think we are doing very well, but we are trying to do better."

On the 21st of April he forwarded a statement of the work to March 31st, 1879, and advised:

"The Encampment is doing well, increasing in membership and finances. Steps are being taken by several Lodges in this Territory to establish the Grand Lodge of Idaho, which will benefit the Order in this part of the world, as our Lodges seem to be at present isolated and derive no advantage whatever from Oregon."

A formal application has been made for the Grand Lodge of Idaho, and the papers are herewith submitted. Charters have been issued from this office to the six Lodges, dated April 25th, 1879, to take the place of the Warrants issued by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, as authorized by the law of 1873, Journal, page 5888.

On the 29th of July, Bro. BECK wrote:

"Idaho Encampment is getting along as well as can be expected. Idaho Territory is improving in population and finances, and the members of our beloved Order throughout this jurisdiction are awaiting with impatience the institution of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, which will largely increase the membership in this part of the country. I hope the establishment of our Grand Lodge will not be far distant."

ILLINOIS.—The Grand Encampment report was received April 21st, from Bro. J. C. SMITH, R. W. Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"Our Order is in a healthy condition notwithstanding the steady shrinkage that is going on, and which must continue for some time yet, so far as relates to membership and finance. In Encampments we hold our own and do not attempt any increase." A loss of 189 members is noted.

The report of the Grand Lodge was received May 20th, from Bro. N. C. NASON, R. W. Grand Secretary, and exhibits a loss of 583 members. On the 2d of August, the Grand Secretary wrote:

"It is gratifying to be able to announce that our Order has entered upon a new era of prosperity in this jurisdiction. The dark cloud of adversity seems at last to have passed away and once more our sky is clear.

"I now have reports from 500 of the 580 Lodges from which reports were due in July, showing a net gain of 385 members during the six months ending June 30th. The reports yet to come will doubtless reduce this gain somewhat, but they can hardly overcome it entirely. After all, a season of adversity, if not of too long duration, may be but a blessing in disguise. At such times our

ranks are apparently thinned, but the thinning is mainly a weeding out process, by which we suffer no actual loss of effective membership.

"Our venerable brother SAMUEL L. MILLER, the last of the seven who constituted the Grand Lodge of Illinois at its organization in 1838, and the first Grand Secretary of that Body, died on the 25th of July, at his home in Omph Ghent, Madison county, aged seventy-six years."

INDIANA.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 16th, from Bro. B. F. FOSTER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and exhibit a loss of 844 Lodge members and 181 Encampment members. Bro. FOSTER writes:

"You will see that we are still suffering from the effects of financial reverses, and though we have sustained some loss in membership in both branches of the Order, a comparison with the reports of 1877, will show that we are gradually recovering our strength. From present indications, I have no doubt that the year 1879 will be one of great prosperity in this jurisdiction. The total resources of our Lodges at the close of the year 1878, were $1,251,051.59; receipts $213,365.66; which, with a relief report of $72,111.11, is a very creditable showing, considering the untoward circumstances with which we have been surrounded. Thankful to a kind Providence for the measure of prosperity that has attended our jurisdiction in the years gone by, we would invoke a continuance of the same, that in the years to come our Order may prove an asylum for the needy and distressed."

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The returns of Lodges 1, 2 and 3, came to hand through Bro. ISRAEL W. STONE, D. D. Grand Sire, in good season. The total membership is seventy-eight, an increase of fifteen for the year. A letter from Bro. FRANK H. CASS, dated Vinita, December 18th, 1878, stated there was a movement on foot to open a Lodge at this place. The instructions asked for were promptly furnished. On the 18th of January, Bro. STONE wrote:

"I am sorry to report that the Lodge I instituted at Erin Springs last June, has not held a meeting since, at least up to December 1st, 1878, they had not. What shall be done in the matter? The brothers are so scattered it is impossible to get a quorum." He was requested to communicate with the Grand Sire on the subject, and did so, and the Grand Sire, under date of June 15th, advises that he has directed D. D. Grand Sire STONE to reclaim the Charter of Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4.

IOWA.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 3d, from WILLIAM GARRETT, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"For the first time I am compelled to report a decrease in membership, but the continuation of the hard times causes many of the brothers to fail to pay their dues, and therefore over 1,500 were dropped in 1878. We gained fifteen Lodges, and since January 1st, have issued dispensations for three new Lodges and have not lost any. With good times, we will soon regain the membership, the decrease being only 105. Nearly all our Lodges are in good condition and we do not feel discouraged. Other organizations which have adopted an 'insurance system' have drawn from us some. The Grand Encampment report shows a gain of two Encampments and twenty-three members, a slight increase, but we feel satisfied that we have done so well, for I see our sister jurisdictions have decreased. We shall lose a few Encampments I think, but I hope to be able to report a gain in membership next year. The number dropped for non-payment of dues is not as large as I anticipated, and I believe with a return of prosperity, this branch of our Order in Iowa will grow, and we will soon number 100 Encampments with 3,500 Patriarchs; we are doing the best we can and are not discouraged."

KANSAS.—On the 21st of April, the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advises:

"The Order is in a healthy condition, a constant and steady growth marking the history of each year; and with the immense influx of people to our State,

this must continue for years to come. But for the difficulty of procuring suitable rooms for Lodge meetings, in the many new towns that are constantly springing up, we could, without doubt, organize fifty new Lodges in the present year. In time, as the new settlers become satisfied with the condition of things here and determine to remain, new buildings, in which suitable rooms for Lodge purposes can be had, are erected, and the brothers from nearly every State in the Union begin to yearn for their Lodge associations of former years; a Charter is applied for and our roll of Lodges increased from year to year. When it was my good fortune to be first elected Grand Secretary, (October, 1861,) we had 9 Lodges in the State with a membership of 324; now we have 144 Lodges and 5,635 members, an increase of over 5,300 in less than 18 years, about 300 per annum. The Grand Encampment organized in 1866, has had a continuous struggle. We now have 26 Encampments and 812 members. We hope during the coming year to show a decided increase in both branches."

The returns exhibit an increase of 571 Lodge and 41 Encampment members.

KENTUCKY.—On the 3d of April the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"The Grand Lodge report shows a slight falling off in Lodges, membership, revenue, etc., as compared with the former report. Whilst we have added 3 new Lodges, 7 have surrendered their Charters, a net loss of 4, leaving the present number of Subordinates 210, which, I am happy to say, with very few exceptions, are, in the fullest meaning of the term, active, living Lodges, prompt in making their returns to and in the transaction of their business with the Grand Lodge, always, with me, an evidence of health and prosperity. Whilst the admissions are nearly the same as last year, the dimissions have been considerably greater, showing a loss of 723, and leaving the present number of members 9,077. The expenditures for relief and benevolence, and the number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid, is somewhat greater than that of the previous year. The Patriarchal branch has held its own in the number of Subordinates, but the admissions have not been as numerous and the dimissions have been greater, consequently the membership is 114 less than the previous year. The revenue and the disbursements for relief and benevolence are greater, while the number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid is less than in 1877. The Lodges and Encampments have not retrograded in their activity and zeal for the good work in which they are engaged, and the pruning process through which they have passed, will, I trust, only serve to make them more fruitful in future. Whilst I have not realized in the growth of the membership the effect and influence I fondly anticipated would be exerted by our 'Benefit Association,' yet it has done and is still doing a good work.'

LOUISIANA.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 29th of March, from Bro. JAMES FURNEAUX, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. A loss of forty-nine in the Lodge and nine in the Encampment membership is noted.

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received May 29th. Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, R. W. Grand Secretary, wrote:

"I think our jurisdiction has done very well considering the times, our report exhibiting an increase of 295 in the membership, and I hope to be able to report still better progress for 1879. Three additional Lodges have been organized, whose first reports will be received in July, and all the Subordinates seem to be in a healthy condition."

MAINE.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received March 14th, from Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, R. W. Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"An examination of the report will show that this jurisdiction has continued to increase in finances and membership during the past year. We have gained 3 Lodges and 607 members; paid for relief, $28,548.48; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, $21,882.82; annual receipts, $60,188.85; invested funds, $186,661.71. I submit the following table relating to benefits paid in 1878:"

44	members,	21 to 25	yrs.,	304	weeks.	33	members,	55 to 60	yrs.,	354	weeks.
92	"	25 to 30	"	630	"	21	"	60 to 65	"	300	"
100	"	30 to 35	"	670	"	24	"	65 to 70	"	444	"
96	"	35 to 40	"	601	"	14	"	70 to 75	"	372	"
101	"	40 to 45	"	770	"	6	"	75 to 80	"	187	"
68	"	45 to 50	"	720	"	6	"	80 to 85	"	179	"
36	"	50 to 55	"	498	"						
				Total,		641				6,029	

The report of the Grand Encampment was received March 27th, from Bro. N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"We have instituted two Encampments, and there has been an increase of sixty-five in the membership during the year."

Manitoba, Canada.—Two Lodges and one Encampment have been instituted in this jurisdiction, but it appears that North Star Lodge, No. 2, has ceased to exist. Bro. George Andrew, D. D. Grand Sire, in transmitting the report of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, on the 29th of March, wrote:

"The report shows a falling off of eighteen in the membership, through brothers neglecting to pay their dues. The Lodge is now in a healthier condition than it has been at any time in the last two years, and I think in a few months our membership will be equal to any heretofore reported. I cannot report favorably of North Star Lodge; they have been trying to revive the Lodge, but so far have not succeeded in holding more than one meeting in six weeks, having only three or four members who attend. Harmony Encampment has not done much in the past two years, owing no doubt to the trouble in the Lodges. We had a meeting last Tuesday, and I expect we shall be able to hold our meetings more regularly than heretofore. On the 12th of April, Bro. Andrew gave a detailed and interesting statement of the condition of affairs, from which it appears that some misunderstanding occurred between the members of No. 1 and No. 2, about carpeting the Lodge room and establishing a Reading room for the members of the Order, which resulted in the removal of No. 2 from the rooms of No. 1. Soon after this event it appears that No. 2 ceased working, but when D. D. Grand Sire Cameron undertook to revive the Lodge, No. 1 offered the *free* use of their hall for three months, certainly a very generous act. That and subsequent efforts, however, failed, notwithstanding the members "agreed to put their shoulders to the wheel and strive to build up the Lodge." He further stated that some two or three members of No. 2 desire to unite with No. 1, if they can do so without paying back dues to North Star Lodge, they being in good standing when the Lodge ceased to work. This letter was answered without delay, and Bro. Andrew informed that on the Charter and effects being surrendered to him he would be required to forward a schedule of the same, with a list of members and their standing at the time the Lodge ceased to work, when cards will be issued from this office to all who may apply and are found entitled.

On the 15th July, accompanying the report of Harmony Encampment, No. 1, for the years 1877 and 1878, Bro. Andrew wrote: "I hold the Charter and all the effects of North Star Lodge, No. 2, subject to your order. I cannot give the exact amount of cash on hand, as I have not had the bank account settled, but will send you a full statement in a few days. The members of North Star desire to join Manitoba, No. 1, and if you can arrange to add their Widow and Orphan Fund to that of No. 1, I believe it will be for the good of the Order here, as we are few in numbers and have very heavy expenses. Our Encampment membership is reduced to 9, showing a loss of 5, but we start this term out of debt, for the first time since its organization, and expect to meet more regularly, and hope to get a majority of the Scarlet Degree members of Manitoba Lodge to join us.

Under date of July 26th, received August 11th, Bro. Andrew wrote: "According to your instructions I now send you a schedule of all property in my possession belonging to North Star Lodge, No. 2. I am sorry to say I can-

not give a very correct report of the receipts and expenditures since July 1st, 1877, as some of the money has been used in trying to start the Lodge at different times, and no account has been kept of it. All I can do is to hand you the amount to the credit of North Star Lodge in the Ontario bank here, for which amount, less commission and drayage, I inclose a draft. The account is as follows: Widow and Orphan Fund, $99.36; General Fund, $4.30; received from Wm. H. Saunders, $1.12; David B. Murray, $3.00; Norman Snyder, $3.00; George Clements, $6.00; total, $116.78; deduct commission, etc., 58 cents; draft enclosed, $116.20. Bro. William Brydon overpaid $8.00, and I recommend that the amount be returned to him. I inclose a list of the members and their standing June 30th, 1877, and the names of ten brothers who desire cards to enable them to join Manitoba Lodge, No. 1."

A postal order for $8.00 was obtained and sent to the D. D. Grand Sire for William Brydon, and the balance of the money received, $108.00, has been placed to the credit of North Star Lodge, No. 2, to be held in trust, or disposed of as the Grand Lodge may direct.

Maryland.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received February 28th, from Bro. John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"Although I have not the pleasure of reporting an increase of membership, I can assure you there is no lack of energy upon the part of those in authority in their efforts in furthering the interests of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, and firmly believe that upon the revival of the business interests of the country, that our Order will again flourish and increase in members and power. You will see from the reports that the usual amount of relief has been given to our afflicted and distressed brethren and their families, showing that our duty has been well performed." The reports show a loss of 354 in the Lodge, and 37 in the Encampment membership.

Massachusetts.—On the 17th of March the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following remarks:

"The continued prosperity of Odd Fellowship in this State is truly gratifying; for while in some jurisdictions there has been a loss in membership, Massachusetts has made a net gain of 698, and this has been done notwithstanding the depressed condition of business, a result that is eminently pleasing and gratifying to every Odd Fellow. The permanent benefits of our Order have given us a very high position in society, and Odd Fellowship is looked upon at the present time as one of the very best institutions in existence for the promotion of brotherly feeling, charity and benevolence. We have now 150 Lodges, having gained ten during the past year, and our membership is 23,218, which will, I think, place the "Old Bay State" at the head of the list. We have paid $41,815.70 for 10,077 weeks' benefits, $9,557.44 for the burial of 227 members, $5,859.41 for the relief of 555 widowed families, and donated $7,373.00 for special relief. The entire receipts amounted to $197,869.77. This statement is conclusive evidence that the acts of Odd Fellows are not confined to words alone. From present appearances another year will show a still larger gain. The Encampment branch has not been as prosperous as we could wish, still most of the Encampments are in good condition, numerically and financially. We have at the present time forty-four good working Encampments with a membership of 6,036, a loss of 42 members during the year. The expenditures for relief amounted to $7,668.65; the receipts were $28,641.82.

Michigan.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 28th, from Bro. E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"Our Subordinate Lodges are no longer on a retrograde movement, but are again advancing with a strong and steady tread. We have added forty-three to our membership. In the Encampment department we report a loss of 120 members, yet we indulge the hope that the present year will redeem our losses and open anew the tents now temporarily closed."

MINNESOTA.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received April 14th, from Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The returns show a small increase (25) in membership and two additional Encampments over last year. The wonder is that we have not decreased instead of growing, and I feel satisfied that we have done well in view of the depressing circumstances surrounding us."

The Grand Lodge report was received April 19th, from Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, R. W. Grand Secretary, who thus wrote:

"We have made a small gain (177) in membership, and feel confident that with returning prosperity in our State, which is quite promising at this time, our Order will feel its influence and show decided gains during the present year."

MISSISSIPPI.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 8th of May, from Bro. JAMES T. MCCOWN, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"Our Grand Lodge report shows an increased number of deaths, still we have increased thirty-one in membership. It is unnecessary to mention the sufferings we have endured in this jurisdiction since my last Annual Report, as they are well known in all parts of the country. We have worked hard to keep Odd Fellowship from losing ground, even when our hearts were saddest, and during the past year have established an 'Endowment Association,' under the supervision of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which, I take pride in stating, bids fair to be a grand success. It certainly has been the inducement for a great many members to apply for reinstatement, and has gained to the Order many new members by initiation during the past four months."

The Grand Encampment report shows a loss of eleven members.

MISSOURI.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received June 4th, from Bro. C. C. ARCHER, R. W. Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"The report does not show as good a condition of this branch as we desire, but considering the unfavorable circumstances that have surrounded us, and the difficulties under which we have labored during the past few years in endeavoring to keep up the organization in this jurisdiction, we have reason to be grateful that our condition is no worse. Our net loss in membership is forty-four. Two Encampments that were defunct have been resuscitated, and one has surrendered its Charter. At the recent session of our Grand Encampment a Charter was granted for a new Encampment. The spirit evinced by the Representatives present at the session, and the promises that were made to infuse new life and vigor into the Patriarchal branch of the Order, leads us to hope that the present year will be one of prosperity."

A more recent letter from the Grand Scribe states:

"Since the adjournment of the Grand Encampment one Subordinate that has been defunct for several years has resumed work, and I expect in a few days to institute a new Encampment in the southwestern part of the State. The indications are that during the next year the Encampment branch of the Order in this State will show a considerable revival."

The report of the Grand Lodge was received June 14th, from Bro. E. M. SLOAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following:

"The general outlook of the Order in this State is not discouraging—the causes which have prevented an increase of membership in nearly all the Western States have affected us as well as others. We are doing a good work, however, and should feel satisfied with the condition of our Lodges and the results of the past year. For the second time since 1864 we report a loss of membership, and yet it is so small as to be cause of thanks that we have so fully sustained ourselves. We have had occasion to say formerly, in reports from this office, that 'decrease in membership is not necessarily to be deplored.' Our loss (157) is less than one and a quarter per cent.; our revenue and amount of money in the treasury show a slight falling off from former years, which is readily understood to result from the continued depression in all kinds of business, necessitating a smaller revenue and at the same time causing heavier drafts upon the funds to meet the claims of sick and destitute brothers, widows

and orphans—the purposes for which our funds are intended. The growing prudence of our Lodges and members, however, enables us to report a good increase in our investments; much more, however, can and ought to be done in this direction, as good investments of funds form the surest basis of our ability to aid 'when most needed.' While we sorrow at the fact that the last few years have so sorely pinched with poverty and blighted the hopes and prospects of so large a number of our vast brotherhood, we should not complain and repine, but rather thank God that we, as an Order, 'were called into the kingdom for such a time as this,' take fresh inspiration of zeal and hope, confidently looking for a better time not far in the future, when industry will be stimulated by largely increased demands for the products of all kinds of labor; when the husbandman's song of gladness will resound over teeming fields; when the mechanic's cheerful voice will again encourage the 'dear ones' dependent upon his strong arm and brave heart for support; when peace and love will displace turmoil and hate; when our beloved Order shall come forth 'refined as by fire,' more fully prepared and panoplied for its God-given mission 'to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.'"

MONTANA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received June 11th, from Bro. LEWIS COLEMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, and exhibits an increase of 53 members; the aggregate membership in the ten Lodges being 327.

Bro. JAMES L. DAVIS, D. D. Grand Sire, forwarded the reports of the two Encampments, which exhibit fifty-three members, a gain of nine during the year. He wrote April 26th, as follows:

"You will observe that the increase in membership has been light since my last report; though five or six new members have been added to No. 2 since the 1st of January, and a number more will join before the close of the present year. I have received a letter from some Scarlet Degree members in Butte City requesting the Encampment degrees, to enable them to petition for an Encampment in their town. The Order generally in this jurisdiction is prospering and steadily increasing. The brethren in Helena have purchased property and commenced the erection of a temple, to cost from $8,000 to $10,000."

NEBRASKA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 13th, from Bro. D. A. CLINE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The Order in this State is not growing in numbers as rapidly as is generally desired, and as is (too often, perhaps), considered *the* criterion of prosperity. There seems to be nothing that affects the mercury of our courage, causing it to rise and fall, so much as increase and decrease of membership. We forget, too readily, that it is men far more than numbers that give bone, sinew, promise and permanence to the Order; that one true, patriotic Spartan is more than a host of adventurers. The Order here is taking a deep, and, we trust, enduring root. We are planting new Lodges, reasonably rapid, in places that are destined to be cities of no small consequence in the future. The hope of those who stand on the outlook is in that wisdom that shall continue to mould our progressive system so that it shall meet the wants of men who shall live in the coming progressive age, and insure their hearts' devotion; but, as in the past, the cords of radicalism and conservatism must so accommodatingly yield to each other that the fates can spin their thread. The Order in this jurisdiction suffers more, perhaps, from the law which compels semi-annual elections than anything else. Men everywhere are alike moved by incentive, and generally hold out to a full compliance with conditions. It is an honor to fill a chair of office; the honor is the incentive, and in most cases the time, attention and talent would be as readily and cordially given for a year as for six months. The Lodge would thus become the gainer by saving one-half of its material for future use, and getting better service. Those Past Grands who continue to serve their Lodges after they have filled the highest positions of honor are more than ordinary mortals, and form the adamantine buttresses of the Order in every jurisdiction. In our State a vast amount of the territory is unsettled and held on sale by the Government, offering cheap homes, land which cannot be bought

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and trafficked in by speculators. Men seeking such localities must necessarily pass over the eastern counties without affecting their population, but this affects the Order, giving less material for the older Lodges and soon demanding the organization of new ones; widening the jurisdictional boundaries without much increasing the aggregate membership."

The reports exhibit a gain of 129 in the Lodge and a loss of one in the Encampment membership.

NETHERLANDS.—See Foreign Correspondence.

NEVADA.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received March 19th, from Bro. WILLIAM H. HILL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. An increase of twenty-eight in the Lodge and twenty-three in the Encampment membership is noted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—On the 30th of June, the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. JOSEPH KIDDER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"It will be seen by the returns herewith, that our little jurisdiction presses hard up into the front rank of our Order. We are still prosperous in a high degree, both in membership and financial standing. For nearly twenty years we have increased each and every year from two to five hundred members. Our gain in 1878 was 337, giving us at the commencement of the present year 7,370, with 58 Lodges in excellent working order. Our assets are over $151,000.00. To us the present condition is very satisfactory, and the future, bright and glorious. Numerically, financially and morally, we occupy a high place in our community, and we shall strive not only to maintain it, but to move on to still grander results. God grant that we may be successful. While other jurisdictions, at least many of them, have suffered losses in the Encampment branch, New Hampshire has made a slight gain (38) in membership. We hope never to take a step backward."

NEW JERSEY.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 5th day of August, from LEWIS PARKER, JR., R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The returns indicate a more prosperous condition of the Order throughout our jurisdiction than the year previous. The decrease in membership is less and the benevolent contributions more, and a general feeling of confidence for more successful operations in the future seems to prevail. We have nothing to discourage us and everything is promising."

The reports exhibit a loss of 333 in the Lodge and 91 in the Encampment membership.

NEW MEXICO.—The returns of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, and Centennial Encampment, No. 3, were received February 10th, from Bro. JOHN RITTER, D. D. Grand Sire, who wrote:

"I am happy to see from the Revised Journal that the Order is still flourishing throughout the land, and hope it may ever continue to do so. I also hope that you will have another Lodge in this jurisdiction before the year expires; as several brothers at Silver City are making an effort for a Lodge at that place, and I learn they are determined to succeed. I think there is a fine prospect for the Order in this Territory, as railroads are being built which will undoubtedly induce emigration, and with good material to build with, Odd Fellowship will progress here as elsewhere."

The Lodge numbers forty-five, a loss of two members during the year; and the Encampment twenty, the same as in January, 1878.

NEW YORK.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 11th of July, from Bro. CHARLES V. CLARK, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and shows a loss of 472 members; and the return of the Grand Encampment, received July 15th, exhibits a loss of 97 members.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 14th, from Bro. J. J. LITCHFORD, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following:

"I very much regret that we do not make a better showing. The extreme scarcity of currency and the universal panic, told powerfully on our beloved Order during the past fiscal year, and we exhibit a loss of 130 members. We

hope, however, that having weathered the storm so far, a brighter and better day is in store for us in the near future."

The Grand Encampment report was received April 16th, from Bro. RICHARD J. JONES, R. W. Grand Scribe. The report exhibits a loss of six members, and the Grand Scribe says:

"This dropping off in our membership is a matter of deep concern to me, as well as many of our best members, but how to prevent it is a question that we are at a loss to answer. Many believe that the great and only cause for the evil lies in the refusal of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. to adopt some endowment plan, which would be an inducement, not only for the old members to *stick*, but for new ones to come in. Being myself satisfied with the Order as it is, it is really hard for me to realize that there is any necessity for a change. Still it is very apparent that the question is one of growing importance, and will not down at our bidding; and if not, one party or the other has got to bend to the overwhelming force of surrounding circumstances. Societies with the endowment feature are springing up all around us, whose ranks are swelling daily, while ours are growing less all the while, and for us to stand in the face of all this evidence and say that the moral features of our Order are sufficient to keep us from 'bending,' strikes me as suicidal; and yet I cannot say that I am in favor of a change, because a change with a failure, (and all changes or experiments are liable to fail), would be a death blow to the Order; hence my dread of anything like experiments or changes."

OHIO.—On the 21st of April the returns of the Grand Lodge were received from Bro. WILLIAM C. EARL, R. W. Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"Whilst the past year has not been so prosperous an one in this jurisdiction, it is at least gratifying to know that the downward flow has been checked. We are compelled to exhibit a still further decrease (663) in membership, but it is only about half that of the preceding year. And now the tide seems to have turned, and unless some unforeseen disaster shall befall us, I feel that there are good grounds upon which to found the *hope* that in our next report we shall maintain our present number, if we do not show an increase. What we want is, not so much a running after new features to be embraced in Odd Fellowship, as an earnest devotion to, and faithful work for, our Order as it is. We want more of the spirit, the genuine essence of love for our fellow men, of devotion to the truth, and a steady adherence to friendship, one with another. Odd Fellowship is eminently fitted for the work in which it is engaged; let us not risk the destruction of its powers by seeking to absorb the mission of other organizations, and endeavoring to do *their* work. Though the stringency in money affairs has been seriously felt, it has not disheartened us in Ohio. We mean to bear the burthen as best it may be done, in the full faith that ere long its weight will be lessened; that a brighter light will beam across our pathway, a new inspiration drank in by our membership, and thus have secured the development of a future more promising than has been the past."

The Grand Encampment report was received May 19th, from Bro. JOSEPH DOWDALL, R. W. Grand Scribe, and exhibits a loss of 355 members.

ONTARIO, CANADA.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received May 9th, from Bro. M. D. DAWSON, R. W. Grand Scribe, who advised:

'Our progress has not been marked, and we have nothing, in our gain of twenty-one members, to boast of. The severe strain on the money market, general dullness of trade, almost universal commercial depression, and the large number of secret societies springing up in all directions, have seriously affected the Order, and especially the Encampment branch in this jurisdiction. The large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is the best evidence of that. However, I trust we have arrived at the crisis and will soon take a turn for the better, and many good Odd Fellows who have allowed themselves to be cut loose from the Encampments will return with the revival of trade."

On the 22d of May the returns of the Grand Lodge were received, from Bro. J. B. KING, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows:

"The exhibit we think, is very fair, though not all we could wish. Our

increase in membership is only eighty-six, but it is gratifying that under the exciting adverse circumstances of the great depression in commerce and trade of all kinds, there is an increase at all. Our land has been blessed with freedom from epidemic or disease, and our Lodges have prospered financially. We trust that business will soon revive, and prosperity return to us, when very many of those who by force of circumstances over which they had no control were dropped for N. P. D., will again unite with us, and we will go on and prosper as of yore. A Committee on 'History' is at work preparing the history of our Order in *Canada*, which we hope to have ready to submit to the Grand Lodge in August next, and I will send you a copy soon as printed. We are also reprinting the Journal of the Grand Lodge from its organization, so that the history of the Order and its working may not be lost as was likely to be the case, as so far as I could learn, there were but three or four complete copies of the Journal in existence, and if these should be lost or destroyed our history would be gone." Bro. King also forwarded a complete statistical table showing the membership, receipts, expenses, etc., of the Subordinates for the year. His conclusion is that it cost each member during the past year $1.00 to pay sick benefits, $3.15 for current expenses, $1.00 for charity, etc., total outlay $5.15 per member.

Oregon.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received June 16th, from Bro. J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. The Grand Lodge return exhibits a loss of 93 members, but as 289 belonged to Lodges in Washington Territory, and are entered as "withdrawn by card" to form the Grand Lodge of Washington, there was an actual gain of 196 members. The report of the Grand Encampment shows a gain of 31 members.

Pennsylvania.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 29th of May, from Bro. James B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. A loss of 5,243 in the Lodge, and 994 in the Encampment membership is exhibited.

Peru.—See Foreign Correspondence.

Quebec, Canada.—The Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction was instituted October 30th, 1878. The report to December 31st, 1878, was received January 31st, from Bro. A. A. Murphy, R. W. Grand Secretary, and shows 544 members, being an increase of thirty-nine members in this jurisdiction during the year 1878. Bro. Murphy wrote:

"For the second time you have to record the ignition of the fires of Odd Fellowship on its altars in the Province of Quebec. The first occasion, through the neglect of those in trust, resulted in a conflagration which burned up altar and tabernacle, leaving not a trace behind. This second advent of Odd Fellowship in our midst is certainly not attended with the *personal* ornamentation of other days, but we hope the records of its zeal will have a place in the archives of eternity. The ornamental era of Odd Fellowship is closed; its records are written in the annals of *fun* and *nonsense*; its gorgeous career has no place in the history of those whose lives are modeled in accordance with our only doctrine—"The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Montreal Encampment, No. 1, is now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Rhode Island.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 20th, and the Grand Encampment March 10th, from Bro. John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who writes:

"It will be seen that our membership in both branches has decreased, (175 in the Lodges, and 69 in the Encampments), but I have reason to believe that were it not for the depression of business in our jurisdiction, as in all others, the result would have been different. The work is conducted in strict accordance with the Ritual, and the brethren appear to do all in their power. We hope the present year may prove a prosperous one."

Sandwich Islands.—See Foreign Correspondence.

South Carolina.—On the 11th of June the report of the Grand Lodge was

received from Bro. H. N. EMLYN, R. W. Grand Secretary, who advises that the former Grand Secretary (who died in April, 1879), left the affairs of the office in great confusion. He hopes, however, that the new officers will be able to build up the Order, and a circular issued by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary recites that "it affords them great pleasure to state that the Order has taken a new start; that dormant Lodges are reviving; that there is great probability of the resuscitation of one or two defunct, and the institution of one or two new Lodges during their term of office. Many suspended members throughout the State have been reinstated, and the number of initiations is very encouraging. * * * They feel satisfied that by the expiration of their terms, with the invaluable aid of the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges, they will have placed the Order in this State once more on the high road to prosperity, with little or no indebtedness, with a large increase in membership and a revival of interest in our noble and beloved work."

SWITZERLAND.—See Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 14th, from Bro. J. R. HARWELL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised:

"You will observe that both branches of the Order in this jurisdiction are decreasing in membership. How to stop this is the all absorbing question with our brethren. The prevailing opinion seems to be that nothing short of a system of endowment, under the immediate supervision of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., will save us from steady depletion. We report a loss of 336 in the Lodge and 86 in the Encampment membership."

TEXAS.—The Grand Lodge report was received May 23d, from Bro. GEORGE W. GROVER, R. W. Grand Secretary, and exhibits a loss of 125 members. Bro. GROVER says:

"I think this year will recover the lost membership of last year, and if the 'endowment plan' is adopted, after it is made known there will be a stronger inducement for members suspended for N. P. D. to be reinstated."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received on the 23d of June, from Bro. R. A. BLANDFORD, R. W. Grand Scribe. A gain of thirty-three members is noted.

UTAH.—The Grand Lodge report was received January 23d, from Bro. JAMES M. DARLING, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following:

"We had quite flattering prospects during the first half of the year for an increase in the number of our Lodges, but owing to the hard times in our mining camps we have been disappointed. Our gain for the year 1878 is thirteen members. Since the commencement of the new year I can report a more active interest in our Lodges, with a gain thus far of six members to my knowledge. I therefore predict a prosperous year for our Order in this Territory."

Under date of July 26th, Bros. EDWARD H. MURPHY, Grand Master, and ALLAN T. RILEY, Grand Secretary, wrote as follows:

"By this day's mail we have the pleasure of sending to you a bound volume, Proceedings Grand Lodge of Utah, from its institution in 1874, to 1879, inclusive. And we take this occasion to communicate such information relating to the Order, in this young and limited jurisdiction, as may be of general interest.

"The sixth Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, at which the undersigned had the honor of being chosen to elective offices for the current year, was held at Ogden City, Utah, April 15th and 16th. The general interest manifested in this session is shown by an attendance of thirty-eight Past Grands, out of a total of fifty-four Past Grand members in the jurisdiction.

"The number of Subordinate Lodges in Utah is only six, comprising a total membership, on January 1st, 1879, of 335. The society from whence our Order in this anomalous Territory draws its votaries, is for the most part limited to a few towns and mining camps, the existing Subordinates being located, three in Salt Lake City, two in Ogden and one in Corinne. The social, fraternal and financial conditions of these Lodges are generally good. The steady, onward

progress of the Order here, though circumscribed and isolated in its field of operations, is attested by the figures of total membership each year since the institution of this Grand Lodge. In December, 1874, the number was 268; in 1875, 282; in 1876, 296; in 1877, 322; in 1878, 335.

"With rare exceptions of local discord and brief strife, arising from efforts to render the Order a vehicle of personal promotion and gain, from which no society, however admirable its organization, can be wholly free, Odd Fellowship in Utah has been a pervading element for breaking down intolerance, for joining co-workers in fraternal feeling, for strengthening social relations and for promoting the common good. We look forward to the current year for one of continued prosperity and increase.

"The total fund, (investments and property of the Lodges), is more than $11,000, with a very small indebtedness, with more than average comfortable and inviting halls, and with a monthly income of over one dollar per member. The Grand Lodge has established the nucleus of a fine library, free to all Odd Fellows in good standing, and which is liberally patronized. A large percentage of our members (238 in 335) have advanced to the Scarlet Degree, as shown by the published lists in our Annual Journal."

VERMONT.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 10th, from Bro. H. L. STILLSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, who writes:

"You will notice the addition of two Lodges, and a net gain in membership of twenty-three. Our growth is of the healthy kind, and of the right stamp of membership. In several respects the thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, just closed, has been a remarkable one. The presence of several prominent and growing young men in the professions was noticeable, and a veteran remarked that the Grand Lodge of 1879 was the finest body of men Odd Fellowship had ever called together in this State, and their personnel could not be surpassed in Vermont. One of the features of the session was the presentation of the restored Charter of Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, by Bro. HENRY CLARK, P. G. Representative. This Lodge surrendered its Charter in 1859, and is the only instance among the old Lodges in Vermont, where with the surrender of Charter the demands were paid in full. The Lodge was reinstated August 8th, 1878."

The returns of the Grand Encampment were received July 22d, from Bro. HENRY CLARK, R. W. Grand Scribe, and exhibit a gain of two members.

VIRGINIA.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received March 27th, from Bro. HUGH LATHAM, R. W. Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"The decrease in our membership and finances still continues, having lost twenty-five members during the year. We do not despair, but look forward with hope for an improvement in our industries and consequently better times. Our good old commonwealth has suffered more than any other from the great depression, and all of her true sons pray for relief and think that the silver lining tinges the dark clouds of adversity which have prevented our progress in the past."

On the 28th of March, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following:

"My inability to report an increase in numerical and financial strength is indeed painful to me as well as to every one who is striving to uphold our Order. Our loss of one Lodge and 113 members, though comparatively small, is yet seriously felt by us. The causes that have depleted our ranks are the same in this as in other jurisdictions, and I will call attention to one or two of them. The lack of employment and general prostration of the business interests of the country prevent many in the Order from maintaining their financial status, and 'dropped' is therefore written opposite their names, and the same causes have barred our doors to many a good and true man, who under more auspicious surroundings, would willingly have subscribed to the principles of our Order. Others, who should have been made Odd Fellows, have cast their lot with other institutions offering very large profits upon very small investments. We are however, not discouraged, on the contrary, we feel sure that the present dark-

ness is only that which precedes the dawning of a bright day, and that as prosperity shall soon again be restored to our common country, so too shall we again erect our broken altars and see Odd Fellowship occupy the position that its principles so justly entitle it to. Our revenue, though small, has been largely devoted to relief, over fifty per cent. having been thus expended. Our free schools afford excellent facilities for education, and special care is taken to see that the wards of the Order are regular in attendance upon the same. The school fund heretofore provided by the Lodges is now applied to the purchase of books, clothing, etc., for the children."

WASHINGTON.—The Grand Lodge was instituted at Olympia on the 26th of November, 1878. The report to December 31st, 1878, was received March 31st, from Bro. N. W. LANE, R. W. Grand Secretary, accompanied by the following letter:

"I must plead guilty to the charge of feeling gratified at the footing up of this our first report. Should Providence smile as propitiously upon us the present year as in the past, we shall report flattering progress in our next. Indeed this is virgin soil for the growth of Odd Fellowship, and so long as the great principles of the Order—Friendship, Love and Truth—are used as the great fertilizer, naught can impede its progress or abundant harvest from this germinal seed. We reach out our hands to you in this our first report, and cordially, across this vast continent of mountains, beautiful valleys, peacefully flowing rivers and swelling lakes, give you this fraternal greeting and bid you and the Order 'God speed,' and a universal diffusion among all peoples of our glorious principles. Let us as an Order, tear down those poor barriers that keep the great majority of our race from entering the portals of our glorious temples, and welcome them to our fraternal friendship and kindly sympathy."

The return shows 14 Lodges, 478 members, an apparent gain of 393 members, but deducting the 289 transferred from Grand Lodge of Oregon the actual increase is 104 members.

D. D. Grand Sire STRUVE, in his letter of December 14th, 1878, accompanying return of institution of the Grand Lodge, said:

"With reference to the dues claimed by you, it was impracticable to collect the same before the institution of the Grand Lodge. Before organization, I exacted a pledge that the Grand Lodge would assume the indebtedness, which they did by authorizing a warrant for payment of the same. The amount will have to be ascertained by reports from the various Lodges, and the Grand Lodge ordered the subordinates to report their cash receipts from January 1st, to November 25th, 1878. There is no money whatever in the treasury and will be none until the first of January. I will collect the same soon as possible and remit."

The returns of Lodges Nos. 8 to 14, inclusive, to November 25th, 1878, having been received, (the last to reach this office being the report of No. 12, on the 27th of June,) a statement of the receipts, aggregating $3,599.35, was transmitted to the Grand Secretary and $314.38, the amount due this Grand Lodge, ($359.93, less $45.55 paid by Colfax Lodge, No. 14,) was placed to the debit of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and has been paid by Bro. T. N. FORD, the Grand Secretary of that Body.

Under date of August 11th, Bro. FORD, the present Grand Secretary, transmitted a corrected report of the Grand Lodge of Washington from November 26th to December 31st, 1878, which reached this office August 23d. As the tables were in type and the changes from the original report were unimportant, no alterations were made.

WEST VIRGINIA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received March 25th, from Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, R. W. Grand Secretary. No special advice was furnished but the report exhibits a loss of 250 members.

The Grand Encampment report was received March 25th, from Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following:

"We have lost two Encampments and instituted one during the year, and record a net loss of eighty-three members. I regret that we are unable to show

the improvement we hoped to exhibit. The financial condition of the country and the new institutions that have sprung up, promising so much for so little, have impeded our progress, but the mist will soon clear away and many who have been led away from the Order, will see clear again and return to the old home."

WISCONSIN.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received April 21st, and the Grand Lodge April 24th, from Bro. L. B. HILLS, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote as follows:

"In transmitting the report of the Grand Encampment I have very little to say that is encouraging for this branch of the Order. With the exception of a few Camps that are flourishing and doing more than well, setting an example of energy and perseverance, there seems to be a general apathy—a chronic indifference with the majority—'having a name while they are dead.' I trust the time will come when this general depression will be shaken off. We report a loss of eighty-two members.

"I can add but little to the eloquent figures of our Grand Lodge report. We are continually extending our borders, our membership is on the increase, our Lodges are growing strong financially, and what is still better, the brotherhood is being more strongly imbued and bound together by the ties of Friendship, Love and Truth. While, during the general financial depression, so many other jurisdictions have been on a decline, ours has gradually increased, and this state of things, I think, is largely due to the fact that for three years past our Grand Lodge has kept in the field a Grand Lecturer (Bro. LINDSLEY, Grand Representative), not only to exemplify the secret work, but instructing the brotherhood and the public in the tenets and principles of our Order, and, especially from the rural districts, we witness the great results of the experiment. We feel that the Order, generally, in this jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition, our net gain in membership during the year 1878 being 398."

The Grand Secretary adds to the Grand Lodge report:

"Total number reported sick, 802; number of weeks reported, 3,327; number of weeks for which benefits were paid, 2,540; number of weeks for which no benefits were paid, 787."

WYOMING.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 3d day of February. Bro. H. ALTMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, wrote:

"Although the report shows a decrease of thirty-six in the membership, we feel that the Lodges are growing, as most of the new members added are good, solid men who will be workers. In losing members by reason of non-payment of dues, it is only freeing ourselves from hangers on, who are of no benefit or service to us, except when there is a public parade, or something of that character; and it is really a gain for such members to be dropped from our roll. The attendance at Lodge meetings has been much better recently than it was some months ago, and I consider this a certain indication of a growing interest in the cause. I hope our next report will exhibit a gratifying increase in our membership, and the present year may be one of exceeding prosperity to the Order in general."

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

AUSTRALASIA.—The happy adjustment of the relations existing between the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., and the authorities in Australia and New Zealand, by the Special Commissioner Bro. JOHN B. HARMON, has obviated the necessity for such an extended correspondence as was required for several years.

The communications, though less frequent than heretofore, have been received quite regularly, and have been promptly answered.

The mail of November 9th, 1878, brought a letter from Grand Secretary CURTIS, dated Melbourne, August 30th, accompanying a copy of the report of Grand Master WILLIAM GANE, to the session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, at Castlemaine, August 20th. Bro. CURTIS says:

"The session was a very eventful one, and was conducted with great ability by Grand Master GANE, and Bro. JOHN MUNDAY, chairman of the committee of

the whole Grand Lodge. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for its extreme kindness in sending us at its own expense, a Commissioner to institute the Grand Lodge of Australasia; and also, to R. W. Deputy Grand Sire Bro. JOHN B. HARMON, for the great ability with which he achieved his glorious work and for his affectionate intercourse with our brotherhood. We feel very proud that we have now a Grand Sire of our own."

By the same mail a letter was received from L. K. BRADBURY, Ballarat, July 15th, Secretary of the Library Association, asking a contribution of Journals; and an assortment of duplicate copies of proceedings of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, was at once forwarded. Bro. BRADBURY wrote:

"I cannot let slip this opportunity of paying my small tribute of praise to Bro. HARMON, for his great goodness of heart and singleness of purpose, and I believe his visit will be of inestimable benefit to the Australian brotherhood. We have now a library of some 200 volumes, to which additions are made daily, and from the number of promises have the hope of trebling the quantity at once. By the last California mail I received our first consignment of American periodicals; 'New Age,' 'Talisman,' and 'Odd Fellows Companion,' and find them everything we could desire."

On the 13th of November, a letter from JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE, dated Dunedin, New Zealand, October 15th, came to hand. He remarked:

"I heartily reciprocate your hope that the erection of such a Body as the Grand Lodge of Australasia will lead 'to the reunion of our beloved Order, and its consolidation throughout the globe.' Having adopted this view, my energies will be devoted to carrying it out in detail. I feel that your kind remarks respecting myself, exceed what I have done for the Order. However, I am conscious of having done what I conceived to be my duty to an Order which I feel proud of being associated with. It will always have my warmest support, as it has had for fourteen years. I hope you will be spared to witness, if not in whole at least in part, the fruition of your grand hopes. Our Grand Lodge (New Zealand) has just finished its session, and action relating to the Grand Lodge of Australasia has been unanimously upheld. We have opened two first class Lodges since Bro. HARMON's departure, and three more are in prospect. Good men are joining and we have now about 1,000 members. All our Lodges are doing first rate."

On the 11th of December a letter from Grand Secretary CURTIS, dated Melbourne, October 16th, reached this office. He advised:

"You will be pleased to learn that the Grand Lodge of *Australasia* has granted a Charter to the Grand Lodge of South Australia, which was instituted September 30th, 1878, by our M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. WILLIAM STIRLING, assisted by P. G. Master, Bro. BATCHELDOR. I am happy to say that its prospects for success are very brilliant indeed. Two new Lodges have been opened in New South Wales, making six Lodges in that province, so that there are good grounds for hoping that they will soon be able to have a Grand Lodge. I have no doubt that Bro. HARMON has long ere this told you all about us. I know that his kindness will make him extenuate our imperfections as much as possible. The good seed sown by him is still producing fruit. I am happy to say that our Encampment is better attended than formerly. We are also endeavoring to establish a Degree Lodge in the Melbourne Hall."

Another letter from Bro. CURTIS, dated Melbourne, February 24th, 1879, received April 3d, says:

"The Order is now gradually reaching such proportions that it will require a person to devote nearly all the business hours to it. I have little information to communicate to you, except that we are rapidly increasing in New South Wales, having now nine Lodges there. It is very probable they will soon apply for a Charter for a Grand Lodge."

In November, in forwarding some supplies, a few copies of the new diploma were put in the box, referring to which, Bro. CURTIS said:

"The diplomas will be of no use to us as we have a plate of our own." He

was advised that "the question of the legality of your diplomas was settled by the action on *cards*."

On the first of May, a letter from Bro CURTIS, advised of a claim for funeral benefits by the widow of a brother, a member of a Lodge in New Jersey, who died at Sidney. The Lodge was at once communicated with and it was learned that the amount of benefits had been duly transmitted.

On the 29th of May, a letter from WILLIAM REID, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, dated Dunedin, April 24th, 1879, remitting amount of account and ordering some books, was received. Bro. REID wrote:

"It affords us in New Zealand, great pleasure indeed to reciprocate the sentiments expressed in your letter of the 6th of March, accompanying the resolution transmitted by order of the Grand Lodge, and to hope that on the foundation so well laid by Bro. HARMON, we in these Southern lands, may build an edifice which may be worthy of our parent institution, and of the great race to which we, in common with you, owe our descent. We have very great difficulties to contend with in the competition with other Orders, which, having their origin in Great Britain, are recruited as much by immigration as by the introduction of members in the colony. In spite of the drawbacks, however, we are progressing, and our Lodges and membership have increased in a greater ratio since the visit of Bro. HARMON, than in any former period of our history."

Bro. SAMUEL P. LORD, under date of Melbourne, April 21st, 1879, wrote:

"I was much gratified to receive your letter of March 5th, informing me that the directors of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. had been pleased to accord me a vote of thanks for the slight attention I was able to extend to Bro. HARMON, Special Commissioner of that Body, on his recent official visit to these colonies. Your letter only having been received two days ago, I have not as yet been able to see Bro. CURTIS, but hope to do so in a day or two and receive the vote accorded to me, which I shall ever retain as a pleasing souvenir of the many pleasant hours I spent in Bro. HARMON's company, and as the only cause that induced me to join your large and most useful Body."

The Journal of the twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, held at Castlemaine, August 20th, 21st and 22d, 1878, was duly received. The Grand Master reported the membership at that date as 4,203, an increase of 823 during the year, and 150 since March 31st, 1878. He stated the balance to credit as $26,655, an increase of $5,415 for the year. Concerning the "New Friendly Societies' Act," the Grand Master said:

"It is no doubt an improvement on the previous one, but it does not give any special encouragement to institutions of this kind, in the work they voluntarily undertake. Friendly Societies perform a duty which would otherwise devolve upon the State. Not only do they encourage the working men to provide whilst in health, by small weekly payments, for the necessities of sickness or of death, but when they die, leaving as they often do, wives and young families unprovided for, the members generally assist in placing them in some position of life to earn their own living. Were it not for this, they must of necessity, become a burden upon the country. One particular grievance is, that the officers appointed under the act are given too extensive powers."

The new code of Laws as prepared, provided:

1. That Subordinate Lodges should pay the expenses of Representatives to the Grand Lodge. 2. Full sick and funeral benefits not to be given till after twelve months membership; half benefits after six months. 3. Change of the time of meeting. 4. Reduction of the number of Representatives. 5. Enlargement of the Standing Committee. 6. Reduced initiation fees in certain cases. 7. Provision by which members of a dissolved Lodge may still continue to be members of the Order.

Considerable space is devoted to the visit of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. HARMON, to Australia. The Journal contains the record of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, on the 1st day of July, 1878, and an adjourned meeting on the 6th of July, 1878.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Standing Committee, at Mel-

bourne, November 4th, 1878, record the receipt of the reports of the officers of the R. W. G. L. U. S., September, 1878, and quote from the report of the Special Commissioner to Australasia. A motion was made "that the name of the Society be that of the "*Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Victoria*," and a special meeting was ordered for the 25th of November, to consider the same; and it was further ordered that the name be altered on all plates, forms, etc. of the Order.

Formal notice was given by the M. W. Grand Sire, of the institution of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, on the 30th of September, 1878. The minutes of the special meeting, November 25th, are not at hand, but as the Journal of the Quarterly Meeting, February 17th, 1879, is entitled "Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Victoria," and it is stated that "the change of the name of the Society was registered 5th of December, 1878," it seems probable that the resolution offered November 4th, was adopted at the special meeting November 25th. 1,000 copies of the new lithographic diploma for members, were ordered to be printed and issued to Lodges at three dollars per dozen.

The next Quarterly Meeting was held May 12th. The committee ordered two copies of the "History of American Odd Fellowship," for the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The documents from the office of the Grand Secretary, as well as the seal of the Grand Lodge, now bear the name of the "Grand Lodge of Victoria," instead of the Grand Lodge of Australia, as heretofore.

The Grand Lodge of Australasia at last advice, had under its jurisdiction, three Grand Lodges and one Grand Encampment, viz:

The Grand Lodge of Victoria; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; the Grand Lodge of South Australia; and the Grand Encampment of Victoria. If not already organized, it is probable that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales will soon be instituted, and eventually a Grand Lodge will be organized in Tasmania. The total membership in Australasia must be nearly, if not fully 6,000.

The "Proceedings of the sixteenth Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand, held at Timaru, September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1878, reached this office March 7th, 1879. The report of Grand Master McGaw, is an interesting document, detailing the transactions of the year, and giving special prominence to the visit of the Deputy Grand Sire and his important mission. He complained, however, that "the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have not received any communication whatever as to what has been done in the matter at Melbourne. We hear that the object of the mission has been accomplished, and we believe that it is so, but under the circumstances your Grand Master did not conceive it to be his duty or in consonance with the dignity of this Grand Body, to direct the Grand Secretary to make official inquiry in the matter, in the proper quarter." The assets of the Grand Lodge are stated as $6,485.00.

Barbados.—On the 30th of January a letter was received from Dr. Archibald Bayne, dated Philadelphia, January 27th, 1879, as follows:

"I yesterday received instructions from Barbados to acquaint you with the fact that it is the desire of Messrs. Baeza, Clinckett and Bayne, officers of the branch Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, at Barbados, to negotiate with you and receive all information requisite for the establishment of the American Order in Barbados. I would therefore be glad if you would answer this in time for me to communicate with my brothers and friends by the mail leaving 5th prox.; also, mention the probable cost of Books, Rituals, &c., so that I may forward the amount necessary."

The requisite information was immediately communicated, and regret was expressed that Mr. Baeza, when in Massachusetts a few months ago, did not succeed in gaining admission to the Order, so that on his return to Barbados he could open Lodges.

On the 1st of February a second letter from Dr. Bayne was received, asking:

"1. Is it the desire of the Order to initiate me free of expense, with the understanding that I, on my return to Barbados shall open a Lodge, and thus establish the Order in the West Indies? 2. How many are necessary to form

a Lodge, and must the Lodge be opened before the Rituals can be forwarded? 3. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, when can the matter be finally settled? I do not know that you understand that those gentlemen require me to settle the matter with you, and thus avoid delay. The Lodge is virtually formed as we have the necessary number, and we only require the requisite information and authority to put the thing in motion. My professional duties will probably detain me here a few months, and I feel assured, if you will put the thing in motion, the Lodge will be in working order at no distant period. Had I not intended remaining here until next year the matter would have been entrusted to me before."

The letter was answered without delay, and Dr. BAYNE was placed in communication with Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. Sire, believing that satisfactory arrangements could be made in Philadelphia for the initiation. In reply to the questions, Dr. BAYNE was informed:

"1. We think P. G. Sire STOKES will be able to make an arrangement by which you may be initiated and receive the degrees free of expense; but the question must be determined by the Subordinate Lodge to which application is made, subject to the law of its Grand Lodge. 2. Five members are necessary to form a Lodge. The Grand Sire may commission a competent brother to initiate and confer the degrees upon the number required; in such case the Special Deputy will be entrusted with the books and a blank Charter (which he will have to complete), so as to avoid delay. 3. I know of no reason why the business may not be speedily accomplished, if the arrangements suggested can be effected by Bro. STOKES. As it will require about three weeks to obtain the necessary papers (your commission) from the Grand Sire in San Francisco, and the application cannot be made to him until you become a member of the Order, the time when the final arrangements can be made will depend upon your initiation."

Under date of February 19th, Bro. STOKES wrote:

"I am about completing arrangements for the instruction of Dr. BAYNE, of Barbados, and will write as soon as I shall have the matter under my control."

The Grand Sire was advised of the arrangements, and forwarded to this office a commission, dated April 7th, 1879, empowering Dr. ARCHIBALD BAYNE to establish the Order on the Island of Barbados, West Indies. The commission, blank Charter, books and all documents needed by the Special Deputy, as well as a special letter of instructions, were forwarded to Philadelphia on the 22d and 25th of April. Bro. STOKES, in his letter to this office, said:

"Bro. BAYNE has been thoroughly instructed in the work of the Order, from the Initiatory to the Fifth Degree, and he seems to have an intelligent understanding of the work and a proper appreciation of the magnitude and importance of his new undertaking, and I think you can very safely trust him to carry out the enterprise of introducing the Order into his native country. From the character of the man I would have no hesitation in giving him full authority in the premises."

On the 8th of May Bro. STOKES advised:

"Bro. BAYNE left here for Barbados about a week ago."

I regret to say that at the time of going to press with this report, no information has been received from Bro. BAYNE, although it is nearly four months since he left Philadelphia for his home.

On the 14th of August, after the foregoing was in type, a letter from Bro. R. J. CLINCKETT, dated Bridgetown, Barbados, July 31st, was received, from which the following extract is submitted:

"Our brother, ARCHIBALD BAYNE, who was duly commissioned by the M. W. Grand Sire to hand us a Charter instituting a Lodge in Barbados under the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge, arrived some time ago, and having notified several of us, we at once got up a petition to him, bearing the signatures of eighteen persons, who were desirous of being initiated in the Order. We selected seven of the number, who were Past Officers of the Manchester Unity, and therefore better qualified to fill the chairs of the new Lodge, who were initiated

by Bro. BAYNE and received the five degrees, and have signed the petition for a Charter. We have not yet opened the Lodge as we have not obtained a Lodge room, but we trust soon to be at work. We closed the Amity Lodge (Manchester Unity), and nearly all the members have applied for admission into the new Lodge. I hope to write you soon that the Lodge, which we have named 'AMERICUS,' is fully established and successfully working."

CHILE.—It will be remembered that at a late day during the last session, certain papers from this jurisdiction were received and placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and by report of that committee, "referred to the incoming Grand Sire." Since then only two letters have reached this office from that jurisdiction, and the reports for the years 1877 and 1878 have not been received.

Under date of Valparaiso, November 28th, 1878, Bro. GEORGE S. BROWN, D. D. Grand Sire, wrote:

"Your esteemed favor of October 5th, with commission for me as D. D. Grand Sire for the Republic of Chile and P. W's. for 1879, came duly to hand. I am sorry that I cannot write something encouraging about the Order here, but at present we are doing very little, owing to the severe financial crisis through which we are passing, which occupies the attention of all. I am, however, able to state that three of the Lodges in this place are working well and making progress; also, the two Lodges at Coquimbo. The others, with one exception, will probably drag along until the times improve, and then we hope will flourish as heretofore. At present the native Lodges are doing the best, the membership being of a good class of citizens. The Grand Secretary will shortly forward to you the returns for the last year, which would have been sent sooner but for the fact that the Grand Secretary is very busy. I hope to be able very soon to report something better."

The above was acknowledged on the 8th of January, the day of its receipt, and the reply reached Bro. BROWN on the 15th of February, who wrote:

"I return you many thanks for your sympathy so kindly expressed for us in our troubles. I am happy to say that I think we have got over the worst, as things are going decidedly better now. The new Lodges working in Spanish are getting new members, and they take an interest in the Order. In January last I installed in public Andes Lodge in Spanish. The hall was crowded with the best people of the place, and every one was delighted with the ceremony. Harmony prevails all over the jurisdiction, and I hope in future you will have better news from us. It was not at all convenient for me to take the office of Grand Master for a third term, but as the life of the Order here seemed to depend on it, I made the sacrifice; and now that things are getting back to their old places I am glad that I accepted the office, and hope that my successor will know how to continue the work. You requested reports for 1877 and 1878, which will be sent to-day. The report for 1877 was sent in due time, and must have been lost. By next mail I will send a list of effects of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1. They had no funds and their regalia is of little value, having been made here."

This letter came to hand on the 19th of March, and after waiting until the 18th of April for the reports, which it was promised would be mailed with the letter, a reply was transmitted, and Bro. BROWN was urged to send duplicate returns without delay. At the date of going to press with this report, four months since the last letter from this office was forwarded, no returns or information of any kind have been received.

DENMARK.—At the last session, Denmark Lodge, No. 1, instituted at Copenhagen, June 29th, 1878, was placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, (Journal, 7808, 7861), and an appropriation of $100 was made towards defraying the expenses incurred by Denmark Lodge, (Journal, 7814, 7866). A certified copy of the action was transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and under date of January 19th, 1879, Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, advised that Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire, as the Representative of the G. L. of the G. E., accepted the jurisdiction of Denmark Lodge,

No. 1. The balance of the $100 due the Lodge, was, at a subsequent date, forwarded by post office money order, to Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, Berlin.

A letter was received from the Secretary of Denmark Lodge, dated January 18th, 1879, ordering a few supplies; and one dated March 25th, stating that "the amount of $100, for which our Lodge is very thankful, was duly received from Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, Berlin."

GERMANY.—Communication with this important independent jurisdiction, has been maintained through Grand Secretary F. MEYENDORF, as heretofore, and though few subjects of importance have enlisted the attention of the Grand Officers, letters have been frequent, assuring of the continued prosperity of the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and the esteem of the officers of that Body for the parent Lodge. Extracts from the letters received are submitted as follows:

Under date of Berlin, September 15th, 1878, Grand Secretary MEYENDORF transmitted a copy of the will of Bro. OTTO ARNOUX, the first N. G. of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, of Saxony, who died at Hastings, Nebraska, about three years ago, and, by his last will and testament, bequeathed $300 to Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, and Allemania Lodge, No. 2, of Saxony. As the Lodges had not received the money, application was made to Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, who forwarded the papers to this office with the request that efforts be made to obtain the amount of the bequest. Bro. ALFRED D. JONES, P. G. Representative of Nebraska, was at once applied to for information on the subject, and in response to a letter from this office, dated October 15th, 1878, he promptly replied on the 28th of October, detailing the condition of the estate, and concluding as follows:

"There is nothing left for those Lodges, and nothing more for the family except the land for his mother, and that will be in a condition soon that will render it worthless to her. There is nothing now, nor will there hereafter be, anything in this case to interest our Order or any of its members, in pursuing the investigation of the estate of Bro. OTTO ARNOUX any further."

A copy of this discouraging letter was transmitted to Bro. MEYENDORF, with the remark that he would discover "that Bro. ARNOUX was victimized while living, and what little of his estate, besides his lands, remained after his death, was exhausted in the payment of his debts and the expenses incurred in settling his affairs."

On the 16th of October, Bro. MEYENDORF remitted the amount due from the Grand Lodge, and stated: "Though unable to communicate anything important, I may say that the members of our Lodges exhibit a decided interest in the cause; the great majority being fully aware of the importance of the obligations they have assumed."

A communication from Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire, dated Hannover, October 1st, 1878, and addressed to JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, was received at this office November 13th, was immediately translated and a copy transmitted to the Grand Sire. This had reference to the introduction of the Order into Austria-Hungary, and as the Grand Sire will doubtless report his action in the matter, no further reference to it is necessary in this place.

Under date of December 13th, Grand Secretary MEYENDORF acknowledged the receipt of letters from this office, of 4th and 9th of November, and requested an early reply to the letter of Grand Sire PRAETORIUS, of October 1st; and a further letter of January 15th, 1879, ordered a few supplies.

In his letter dated Berlin, January 19th, 1879, Grand Secretary MEYENDORF said:

"By request of Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I beg leave to inform you that the petition of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which was granted by the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. at the session of 1878, has been ratified and the jurisdiction accepted by the above named official as the Representative of the Body over which he presides; and due notice of this action has been sent to Denmark Lodge, No. 1, which has been further instructed to communicate hereafter with the Grand Lodge of the German

Empire. Recognizing the fact that the direct connection of Denmark with Germany will cause general satisfaction among the brethren and prove of great benefit to the Order, I hasten to express my sincere gratification for the brotherly kindness and fraternal zeal again displayed by this recent action of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., and would request you to express these sentiments at a suitable time and place. I have directed Denmark Lodge to forward its report and dues to January 1st, to this office, believing that you will lay no claim to the same."

On the 15th of February, the following was received:

"BERLIN GENERAL ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY.
"Berlin, January 24th, 1879.

"The formation of a Board of Trustees for the 'Berlin General Odd Fellows' Library,' which took place at the close of last year, has been a great step towards accomplishing the long cherished plan of the brethren here to possess an Odd Fellows' Library accessible to all the members of our beloved Order. The contributions of the several Lodges, which in some instances consisted of considerable sums of money, have made it possible to begin with the purchase of books. Such a Library, however, would not be complete unless it contained the different official documents and decrees, compiled and published from time to time by the authorities of the Order, and which are especially calculated to enlighten the members as to the laws of the Order and its working. It is with this view that, at the request of the Board of Trustees, I petition you, most worthy brother, to assist our undertaking by the transmission of the Journals of the past sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. so far as they can be obtained, and to gain the consent of the M. W. Grand Sire to such a donation.

"With fraternal greetings, I remain yours,
"G. BATEREAU, *Secretary*."

The brother was informed. "Our experience has taught us that the formation of libraries in connection with Odd Fellowship is a most wise and useful measure, and will be found to be essentially promotive of the general welfare of the Order. In many jurisdictions libraries constitute powerful auxiliaries to the prosperity of Odd Fellowship, among which I may name, especially, those in Maryland and California, in each of which States libraries containing more than 20,000 volumes have been formed, and such institutions have been generally inaugurated in all the States. We will do the best we can to encourage your enterprise, but we are restrained in our power, to some extent, in relation to your special request. The laws of our Grand Lodge do not permit any donation of the Journals, except by the Grand Body itself in Annual Session, and then only by a special vote, so that your application will have to be specially submitted to the Grand Body, in September, 1879. I will officially submit your communication at that time, and meanwhile can send to you pamphlet copies of the Proceedings of the G. L. of the U. S. from 1861 to the present time, which you can have bound into convenient volumes for preservation. This will be an invaluable treasure to you, and you can make a more formal application to the Grand Lodge for a continuous series of the official Journal, which it will doubtless grant, in the spirit of Odd Fellowship. If this overture on our part meets your approval, please advise us of the same."

On the 29th of January Bro. MEYENDORF wrote in relation to a brother, supposed to be in Texas, whose relatives in Germany hearing nothing from him since December, 1877, were exceedingly anxious for information concerning him. Through the kind offices of Grand Secretary GROVER, of Texas, the intelligence desired was obtained and promptly transmitted. Bro. M. also desired a list of all the Grand and Subordinate Lodges in the United States, and was advised that a list of Subordinates could be obtained only by an examination of the Journals of the several State Grand Lodges.

On the 7th of April a letter from Bro. MEYENDORF, dated March 20th, was received, in which he expressed "the heartfelt thanks of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, for the brotherly and generous gift of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. The proc-

lamation for the observance of the anniversary of the Order, on the 26th of April, was duly received, but previous to its reception a general celebration by the Lodges in Germany was ordered by Grand Sire PRAETORIUS, which I hope will meet with hearty approval. I submit herewith a statement of the condition of the Order in Germany, January 1st and December 31st, 1878, and regret to say that the Order again shows a loss of members as well as of revenue during the last year. The continued stagnation in all business matters has been such that considering all things we may congratulate ourselves that we have maintained ourselves so well. Let us hope, however, that business may soon improve, and thereby our Order receive new life and new strength; that the present quiet repose will serve to consolidate the Order, and enable us, under more propitious circumstances, to work with more energy, more love for the cause and for the general welfare of all mankind. I am quite satisfied in regard to the spreading and diffusion of our Order in the high north of our fatherland; and hope also that our endeavors for its introduction in Austria-Hungary will be crowned with success."

The statement transmitted exhibits the following:

Grand Lodges, 4; Subordinate Lodges, 47; members, January 1, 1878, 1,954; initiated, 243; admitted by card, 29; reinstated, 3; withdrawn by card, 109; suspended, 140; expelled, 18; deceased, 15; members, December 31, 1878, 1,947; loss during the year, 7. Encampments, 5; members, January 1, 1878, 181; initiated, 7; withdrawn by card, 8; suspended, 14; expelled, 1; loss during the year, 16. Paid for the relief of brothers, $1,678.25; widowed families, $596.75; orphans, $33.00; burial of the dead, $187.00; special relief, $20.00; total relief, $2,515.00; total receipts, $17,247.90.

On the 15th of August, a letter was received from Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, dated July 27th, as follows:

"On the eve of the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I beg leave to discharge a duty devolved upon me by J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire, on the subject of the translation of the Initiatory and Degree Books. As you are aware, the translation was sent to you immediately after the close of our session in 1877, and is still, I understand, in the hands of a committee for examination. Although it is confidently expected that at the coming session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., this matter will receive prompt attention, yet I request that you use your influence to bring the translation before that Body. I hope the ensuing Annual Session of the Grand Lodge may result in much good to our beloved Order."

Bro. MEYENDORF was informed that "the special committee entrusted with the matter have examined the translation, and we are informed that a report on the subject will be submitted at the session of the Grand Lodge to be held in this city September 15th."

GREAT BRITAIN.—It appears to be settled that the Lodge and Encampment instituted in London, November, 1875, have ceased to exist. In my last report I mentioned that Bro. RICHARD C. T. SCHROEDER, P. G., of St. Louis, Mo., had visited England, and a letter from him on the subject was printed on page 7608, Journal. Bro. SCHROEDER on his return to the United States addressed a letter dated St. Louis, September 28th, 1878, to the Grand Secretary, as follows:

"Having returned from England earlier than I expected, I desire, as a final report upon the state of the Order in England, to say that I was unable to gain the statistics, etc., which I considered necessary for your information, Mr. TERRY being absent upon both my visits, and Mr. FAIRLIE entirely ignorant of the numerical strength of the organization. I feel convinced, from the state of things as they there exist, that the wrong element has been approached in the way of membership; the middle and working classes, who really need the benign and elevating influences of the Order, being entirely without the knowledge of its existence in London. If duly canvassed and advertised amongst these classes, a fine membership might be obtained; but if left entirely to the moneyed aristocracy, the Freemasons offer greater social inducements. I trust, however, that our Order there may yet assert its sway."

In further letters Bro. SCHOEDER said: "Unless the Order is entrusted to brothers who have the time and energy to canvass, it must naturally remain dormant." "Although our Order is virtually defunct in London at present, yet under a wise and energetic canvasser, it might find a sure footing amongst the middle and working classes of England."

A letter from Bro. CHARLES G. HILL, dated "25 Winston Road, Stoke Newington, London, April 7th, 1879," has been received. The document is too long and its character of too personal a nature (although the author authorizes the publication of the letter) to be introduced here; therefore, it will be sufficient to say that it alleges: 1. That the regalia was actually paid for with the money of Bro. HILL, the cost being some $300 or $400. 2. That the failure of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo American Encampment, No. 1, resulted from the bad impression created by the acts of the Special Deputy Grand Sire. Bro. HILL stated that the regalia, etc. were in his possession and he would "be pleased to forward them to distribute to some deserving Lodge and Encampment, or as you may think fit." To this extraordinary letter, the contents of which have been only hinted at, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary replied on the 9th of May, as follows: "Notwithstanding the rumors of irregularities which have reached us from time to time, in the absence of special information on the subject, we are astounded at the revelations in your letter. The failure of our Order in London has been assigned to certain scandals afloat, but the details of the objectionable transactions were not communicated to us, and we were left to conjecture how far the Special Deputy was involved. Your letter has enlightened us, and we are enabled to see that the commission entrusted to him was a grave mistake. Still it is manifestly unjust to hold the entire Order responsible for the shortcoming of one of its members, even though mistaken confidence may have exalted him to high office in its ranks; and your own letter shows that he was chiefly instrumental in gaining your confidence by means of the acquaintance formed in another institution. You state your readiness to forward the regalia, etc., to us, from which we conclude there is no hope of organizing a Lodge in London. It seems a pity to send these articles back to us, and perhaps it may be well to allow them to remain and go to some Lodge in Europe. Doubtless the Grand Lodge of the German Empire would be glad to have the articles and would make good use of them, or the Grand Lodge of Switzerland may want them. Many Lodges have been instituted in Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, and Denmark, and it is probable many more will follow. Bro. LUDWIG KLAJE, who interested himself in the re-organization of the Lodge in London, (see Journal of 1878, pp. 7605–8), is now in Zurich, and a member of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, of that city, and will doubtless be able to give you information as to where the regalia can be sent to be serviceable. *The Charter and all the books*, however, we desire returned to us soon as possible. I inclose a memorandum of the articles we wish sent to this office. The other books, Question, Roll, etc., may go with the regalia. The Encampment regalia, etc., ought to go to Germany if not sent here, as there are no Encampments in any other part of Europe."

On the 10th of July, a letter from Bro. HILL, dated "42 Great Coram street, Russell Square, June 25th, 1879," reached this office, from which I extract as follows: "Inclosed please find bill of lading to your order, for two boxes containing regalia, books, etc. There has been some little delay, which I could not avoid, in forwarding the articles, through my having to dispose of the little interest I had in the business in the Winston Road. The regalia, etc., I leave entirely in your hands to do as you may think fit with, of course the articles are of no use to me. * * * I wish you and all the genuine brothers of America, health and prosperity."

Considerable delay has occurred in getting possession of the boxes, and on account of an error, it became necessary to return the bill of lading to Bro. HILL for correction, so that the goods are still in the Custom House at New York.

NETHERLANDS.—The returns of the two Lodges in this jurisdiction indicate

as much progress as could be reasonably expected; the reports for the year ending December 31st, 1878, exhibiting 108 members, a gain of eighty-two for the year. With proper management, there is little room to doubt the entire success of the Order in the ancient city of Amsterdam; and it requires no stretch of the imagination to picture a score of Lodges existing within the kingdom of the Netherlands before many years shall have passed. The correspondence with the efficient D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. F. OSTHEIM, has been of a gratifying character. His letter of August 26th, received September 9th, refers principally to the Holland translation of the Rituals; September 2d and 3d, to the returns, etc., of the Subordinates; and September 4th, he says: "I have already commenced to revise the five degrees, which I trust to complete this month. Please inform me whether I shall send the manuscript to your address, or give other directions." In his letter of October 31st, he refers to a discrepancy between the recommendation of the Grand Secretary for additional compensation to the extent of *two hundred dollars*, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, approving the recommendation and naming *one hundred dollars*. He also says: "I observe the Grand Lodge has expressed its controlling supremacy over the Order by changing the title. I hope the Grand and revered Body may always exercise that ascendency, which will be honored and regarded as its exclusive property as long as right and *justice* towards one and towards all, will remain its polar star." On the 1st of November, he wrote: "Please inform me what steps the Grand Lodge authorized for the printing of the Initiatory, and the five degrees in the Holland language, the translation being now fully completed." The discrepancy he referred to was fully explained, the amount actually appropriated being *one hundred dollars*, and the brother was informed that "no further proceeding was had upon the subject of printing in the Holland language." In his letter of December 8th, he stated: "The N. G. of Mount Sinai Lodge informs me that Bro. RICARDO, a member of that Lodge, is a printer. I asked whether he is able to print the Initiatory and the other degrees, without there being danger of interference in his work, by persons not members of the Order. I should like to learn whether any action was taken at the last session, on your suggestion that translations ought to be printed in the country where translated. I shall not fail to make proper arrangements regarding the printing, after I have been duly instructed by you." His letter of December 15th, referring to the appropriation, was anticipated by previous letters from this office. On the 27th of December, he acknowledged the receipt of $100, the amount appropriated by the Grand Lodge, and said: "I request you to inform me whether I shall forward now, the translation of the five degrees, to you, or will you direct otherwise; they are thoroughly revised, a task I achieved some time ago; and it is deeply to be regretted that no proceedings were had on the subject of printing them and the Initiatory degree, in the Holland language. This is of vital importance to the Order, and I am quite at loss to understand why no action whatever was taken in the premises. The two Lodges in Amsterdam confer the work from manuscript, and it is easy to imagine that they must feel greatly slighted to see themselves so grossly neglected. Please excuse this hard expression, which is only prompted by the bitter disappointment I feel, to observe all past labor lost. There appears now no other way than to get them printed in America, and to transmit to my address, the first proof for revision." In answer to this, the difficulty of determining upon a proper translation, was explained, and it was suggested that until the obstacles could be surmounted, it would be wiser "to endure our present evils than to fly to others, and possibly, thereby aggravate them."

His letter of January 30th, inclosed the reports of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, and Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, to December 31st, 1878; and on the 9th of June his letter of May 19th, transmitting the dues of the Amsterdam Lodges, came to hand, and was promptly acknowledged.

On the 12th of October, a letter was received from JACOB WEINER, P. G., dated Amsterdam, October 1st, 1878, as follows: "Inclosed you will observe a translation of the diploma of the Order. I have sent a copy of the same to

Bro. OSTHEIM for revision, and the good brother has attended to the matter. I now take pleasure in sending the translation, as corrected by Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, and you will please, if possible, send at present, fifty copies of the diploma in the Holland language, so that I may sell them to our brethren in Amsterdam; and as I have procured the translation, I desire to have the entire control of the sale of the diplomas in the Netherlands. After the first fifty copies are sold I will immediately send for the other fifty. I have exerted myself in behalf of the Order in the Netherlands; and if you can send the diplomas as I have requested, and advise the Lodges in Amsterdam that I have them for sale, it will confer a great favor upon me." To this letter a reply was sent that, "in the first place no letter from Bro. OSTHEIM accompanies the translation, by which the text is vouched for by him, and its reliability endorsed as an authentic translation. In the second place we have no authority to have any such printing done, if the text is in all respects correct. The Grand Lodge was advised (Journal, 7613) that in your favor received July 19th, 1878, you desired diplomas in the Holland language, and a copy of the answer to your letter was made known with a suggestion that your request be acted upon, but no proceeding on the subject was had during the session. I have therefore to say to you, that I am entirely without authority to send you the diplomas asked for, and shall accordingly have to wait until the Grand Lodge adopts a translation and authorizes the printing of diplomas in the Holland language."

I respectfully submit the subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that the translation herewith be examined; and if approved, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary have such number of copies of the diploma printed in the Holland language, as he may think necessary. As intimated a year ago, the sale of 100 copies would about pay the cost of the same.

On the 9th of August, a letter was received from D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM, transmitting semi-annual reports to June 30th, 1879, of Paradise and Mount Sinai Lodges. The former had added five to the membership during the term, the total number being forty-eight; while Mount Sinai initiated six, and returned seventy-one members. Bro. OSTHEIM advised that he had declined to install or cause the officers elect to be installed, because he considered the receipts for dues were not sufficient. He said: "I believe the Lodges ought to endeavor to collect from their members the monthly dues, to make the dues for the Grand Lodge correspond with the membership, but both Lodges in this respect, were very negligent, and the excuse they offer is that they believe the arrears of their members will be paid after a certain period. I observe no legislation upon the subject, interpreting the spirit of the law concerning dues, in a manner which would entitle the Grand Lodge to an amount in proportion to the membership; and I did not feel justified in installing the officers. You will observe that the dues of No. 1, for the last term (43 members and 6 initiations) amounted to 43.67 *florins*, while for the term ending December 31st, 1878, (33 members), they were 80.27 *florins*. The dues of No. 2, term ending June 30th, (65 members and 6 initiations), 59.54 *florins*; for term ending December 31st, 1878, (44 members and 21 initiations), 141.30 *florins*. Such calculations induce me not to act without your advice, which I now solicit. I informed the Lodges that I would transmit the reports and await instructions, as according to my interpretation of the law, I am not authorized to install the officers unless the dues approximate to the number of members. I trust your views will agree with mine and that you will approve of my action." A letter dated Ostend, August 1st, was received August 13th, in which Bro. OSTHEIM says: "The question is whether the ten per cent. must be paid, although the dues of members have not been paid to the Lodge." The D. D. Grand Sire was referred to Constitution Article XIV., which provides: "3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on their receipts;" and was informed that the word "receipts" is understood to mean money actually paid into the Lodge, and not the dues charged to members. He was advised that it was his right and duty to ascertain

if the amount stated on the report was the actual amount of money received during the term.

PERU.—The condition of the affairs of this Republic is not calculated to inspire ardent hopes of the success of the Order at present. The war with Chile at a time when the people were suffering from the effects of business depression of several years duration, has complicated affairs to such an extent that if the Order is able to live through the present hazardous times it will be as much as can reasonably be expected. The record for the year 1878, however, exhibits a handsome addition to the membership, the four Lodges returning 153 members, an increase of 43 during the year. The Encampment also increased from 19 to 26 members.

On the 24th of December a letter reached this office from N. HURWITZ, D. D. Grand Sire, dated Huaraz, Peru, November 23d, 1878, advising of his removal from Callao on the 11th of July, to his mountain home, Huaraz, and consequently his inability to continue in the position of D. D. Grand Sire. He further said: "I assure you, if, through circumstances, my stay in this place shall be shortened, I will advise you of it at once, and shall be happy, if required, to place myself at the service of the R. W. Grand Lodge. It is with regret that I retire from usefulness in an Order I love so well, and to continue my efforts I have written for my withdrawal card with the intention of opening a Spanish Lodge in this place. Huaraz has about seven thousand inhabitants; the whole Department about thirty-two thousand, five-sixths being Indians, a majority of whom are unable to write their names. About one-sixth of the people are of the better class, some being highly educated; but after a stay of four months in this, the Capital of the Department, (which is reached by traveling on horse or mule, and attaining an altitude of about fifteen thousand feet), I found after a careful canvass of the better class of people, the only ones at all fitted to belong to our beloved Order, that the formation of a Lodge was impracticable. Not half a score of the citizens of this place possess such honesty and morality as are required for members, and I have therefore abandoned the idea of forming a Lodge which would be a disgrace to the Order. I shall take pleasure in giving to my successor such hints as may be required for the proper management of the Order here, in fact shall be always happy to give such advice as long experience may dictate. And now my dear brother, in saying farewell, allow me to thank the R. W. Grand Lodge, and you especially, for the great honor and confidence you have favored me with. I hope the labors of my successor may be crowned with success, and the highest prosperity attend our beloved Order throughout the world." This letter was at once acknowledged, expressing "regret that the circumstances of your position should necessitate such a step. You have done us the honor and kindness to act in the important position of D. D. Grand Sire ever since the introduction of the Order into Peru, and to you we are chiefly indebted for our successful administration of Odd Fellowship and for its present prosperity in your Republic. The Grand Sire will at once appoint Bro. WILLIAM LONG, whom you so highly recommend, as your successor in office, and we hope he may meet with the same good fortune which has crowned your administration."

On the 28th of December Bro. WILLIAM LONG, Calle de Zepita, No. 42, Chorillos, was duly commissioned D. D. Grand Sire for the Republic of Peru.

On the 8th of March, 1879, a letter from the Secretary of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, dated August 21st, 1878, accompanying a copy of the Constitution and By Laws of the Lodge reached this office. The mail of March 17th, brought a letter from WILLIAM LONG, D. D. Grand Sire, dated Chorillos, February 24th, acknowledging receipt of commission, and advising of the death of his wife on the 28th of January, after an illness of five months. He regretted the appointment of D. D. Grand Sire was not conferred upon some other brother, but expressed his determination to do all in his power to fill the office, saying: "With the help of Bro. HURWITZ the work will be easy, and long may he live to give his advice and support to the noble institution he worked so hard to establish in this far off land. I cannot understand why so many brothers mani-

fest so little interest in the work of the Lodge. Very few are willing to accept office, and nomination and election nights find fewer members present than any other meetings during the year; consequently the Lodges are generally working with about half the usual number of officers."

Bro. HURWITZ, under date of Huaraz, February 26th, 1879, (received April 14th), inclosed the reports of the four Lodges and one Encampment for the year 1878, and advised that he would forward the dues on his visit to Lima in May.

On the 25th of June a letter from Bro. JAMES GRAVES, P. G., dated Callao, June 4th, inclosed a check for $167.50 in settlement of the dues of the Subordinates in Peru. The mail of July 8th brought a letter from WILLIAM LONG, dated Chorillos, June 17th, inclosing duplicate draft for amount of dues of Subordinates, and advising as follows:

"In the last communication from Bro. HURWITZ he instructed me to forward the Grand Lodge dues to you, the same amounting to 518.51 *soles*. I went to Callao, and Bro. JAMES GRAVES, of Callao Lodge, No. 2, informed me that exchange was now worse than it had ever been; but he would do the best he could for the Order. He obtained a draft on New York for $167.50 gold, for which he had to pay 210 soles premium. I am sorry to say that I am afraid that all the Lodges will not make returns this term. Callao, No. 2, has been very dilatory, and so far as I can learn, only two or three meetings have been held during the term. The majority of the membership is afloat, but there are enough on shore to keep the Lodge going if they have the requisite energy. I have talked with some of the members and endeavored to persuade them to keep the Lodge in existence, but they seem determined to surrender the Charter. I am awaiting advice from Bro. HURWITZ on the subject, and hope to send you more favorable information after the installation of officers. The Encampment branch is not popular; the members will not attend, and Bro. CURTIS, from Callao, often spends his money and wastes his time to go to Lima, (as well as the undersigned), to find no quorum present on a regular meeting night. Sometimes there are six Patriarchs present and a candidate in waiting, and for the want of one member the candidate cannot obtain the degrees. Lodges 1, 3 and 4 are at work, though making few members, and considering the state of affairs I am not surprised that they are not increasing."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—As has been frequently remarked, heretofore, the white population in this remote jurisdiction is too limited in numbers to warrant a hope of any great increase in the membership of the Order. Excelsior and Harmony Lodges and Polynesia Encampment continue actively at work, and the result of the labors in 1878 is an increase of five in the Lodge and four in the Encampment membership, Excelsior having 66, and Harmony 34, total 100 members, 30 of whom are connected with Polynesia Encampment.

On the 16th of October the following from W. C. PARKE, D. D. Grand Sire, dated Honolulu, September 30th, 1878, was received:

"The tale of misery in the southern part of your country, borne to us by the newspapers, has moved the brethren of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of this jurisdiction to send forward the sum of fifty dollars for the relief of their afflicted brethren. You will please make such disposition of the money as shall seem to you for the best. I trust that the scourge may soon pass away, and that a balm may be found for the wounds caused by it." On the 13th of November, a letter from Bro. PARKE dated October 19th, came to hand, inclosing twenty-five dollars, "the contribution of Polynesia Encampment for the relief of sufferers by yellow fever. I trust it will not reach you too late to do good to some Odd Fellow's family."

Bro. PARKE, on the 12th of December, acknowledged the receipt of his commission, and remarked:

"We are pleased to see by the newspapers that the yellow fever scourge has abated, and that there is no further need of help. We are gratified that the Grand Lodge has settled the question of ownership of the hall of Excelsior Lodge, and I am pleased to be able to say that the members of Excelsior will carry out the suggestion of the Grand Lodge in relation to rent. I have

hopes that we shall dwell together in harmony and work for the advancement of the Order, forgetting all past differences."

On the 17th of January, Bro. PARKE transmitted the Annual Reports and dues of the Subordinates with the following: "I regret to say that the Order is not in as flourishing a condition as I could wish, but I look for better times in the future. The officers installed in the Lodges are young men and will labor to build up the Order in this jurisdiction." On the 18th of March, he advised: "The Lodges are making arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the Order. I am happy to report the Order in good condition, and a better state of feeling between the two Lodges, and trust that time will cause all past differences to be forgotten." On the 12th of May, he wrote: "The Order here celebrated the anniversary by a ball which was well attended and passed off very pleasantly, the brethren and friends present highly enjoying the occasion."

SWITZERLAND.—The information from this important jurisdiction indicates that the Order, though not growing rapidly, is maintaining itself, and when the times improve, large accessions to the membership will be noted. The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge for the year 1878 was received on the 5th day of April, 1879, and shows 294 members on the 31st of December, 1878, an increase of twelve during the year. Bro. HERMANN VOGEL, R. W. Grand Secretary and D. D. Grand Sire, on the 12th of September, 1878, advised:

"The petition mentioned in my last letter has now finished its circulation, and has been signed by almost all the brethren who were authorized to attach their names to it. Some of the brethren being absent their signatures do not appear, as we did not wish to delay the transmission of the document."

It was expected that the petition would reach Baltimore in time to be presented at the session of September, 1878, but it was not received until the 28th day of the month, after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. The following is a copy of the paper:

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. O. F.:

The petition of the undersigned, Representatives and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Swiss Republic and their respective Lodges, respectfully represents, that at present they work under Warrants granted by your R. W. Grand Body, and at present they have thirty-three Past Grands in good standing. They are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Lodge in the same manner and analagous to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in Switzerland. They therefore pray your R. W. Grand Body to grant a Charter for such a Grand Lodge in the Republic of Switzerland, to be located at Zurich.

There is no Encampment at present in this country. Provided the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S. should deem it necessary we shall petition for an Encampment previous to receiving the Book of Diagrams and the Secret Work, in case a Warrant should be granted.

Witness our hands and seals this 3d day of August, 1878. [Signed by four Past Grand Masters, the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, Representatives of the eight Lodges, the N. G., Secretary and Past Grands of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Pestalozzi, No. 2; Fellenberg, No. 3; Zschokke, No. 5; St. Jacob, No. 6; Santis, No. 7; Waldstatter, No. 8, and Rheinfall, No. 9].

On the 16th of March, Bro. VOGEL acknowledged the receipt of the Revised Journal and the several letters from this office, and said: "We regret very much that the petition of the Odd Fellows of Switzerland for an independent Grand Lodge, did not reach the G. L. of the U. S. at its last Annual Session, so as to be acted upon. We shall patiently wait, and hope that at the next session our prayer may receive a favorable consideration. By our report herewith, you will perceive that Odd Fellowship in Switzerland has but slightly increased in numbers during the past year, but in other respects the Order is healthy, and fulfills with promptness all its obligations. The increase in membership would have been much greater but for the hard times, which depress commerce and all branches

of industry and business, and for this reason we are unable to institute new Lodges, or introduce the Order, as contemplated, in the French speaking cantons of Switzerland, which enterprise must wait until times improve."

On the 4th of July, Bro. VOGEL advised of the election of officers by the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, on the 26th of April, stating that he declined a nomination for Grand Secretary, "partly for want of time and because I did not deem it proper to hold the office in connection with that of D. D. Grand Sire; a position I have been honored with for another year. In this jurisdiction the Order is in a satisfactory condition, though as yet there is little improvement in business."

GOTTLIEB MAEDER was re-elected Grand Master, and ADOLPH JENNI, Spitalgasse, No. 153, Berne, was elected Grand Secretary. Bro. VOGEL forwarded twenty-five copies of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, April, 1879, which were distributed in accordance with his directions.

THE ORDER IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

It may be interesting and instructive to review the action of the Grand Lodge on the subject of establishing the Order in other countries than the United States, and omitting all reference to British North America and the Republic of Texas, a brief sketch of the proceedings to the year 1868 is herewith submitted, to give an intelligent idea of the opinions entertained on this subject at a very early date in the history of the Order in this country.

In 1843, Grand Sire KENNEDY in his report said:

"Among the communications herewith presented, are those on the subject of establishing the Order in Germany, which merit special attention. It is not only in England and Germany that we may expect to be enabled to give immediate spread to Universal Odd Fellowship, but in other remote countries the fields are ripe for the harvest, and it is only necessary that we should enter in to possess them. The period has nearly arrived, if indeed it is not already at hand, when (let the ultimate action of the A. M. C. be what it may) it will be our work, as it will be our pleasure, to plant Odd Fellowship throughout the earth." —*Journal*, 523.

The application for a Lodge at Hamburg, Germany, to which the Grand Sire referred, received the attention of the Grand Lodge, and the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That when a formal application may be made for a Charter for a Lodge to be instituted in Hamburg, the Grand Sire be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a Dispensation for that purpose; *provided*, that satisfactory evidence shall be submitted to him, of the qualifications of the applicants."—*Journal*, 543.

It does not appear that anything further in this direction was done at this time, and it was not until after the lapse of twenty-seven years, that the Order was successfully established in Germany by Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, P. G. M., of California, who, on the 1st day of December, 1870, instituted Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, at Stuttgart. The action is of such recent occurrence, that the Grand Lodge is familiar with the subject of the origin and progress of the Order in Germany, as well as in Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Denmark.

In 1844, the Grand Secretary reported (Journal, 621): "A correspondence has been had with distinguished individuals of Great Britain, which has resulted in the establishment of two Lodges (at Tredegar and Monmouth) under Warrants from this Body; and also, a Grand Lodge entitled 'the Grand Lodge of the Principality of Wales.'"

In 1845, the Grand Secretary stated that no advice had been received from Wales, and it appears that no further information concerning the Lodges instituted was received. He advised, however, of a petition for a Lodge at Stockport, England, which was instituted October 28th, 1845, but soon became extinct. (Journal, 762, 769).

At this session, Oriental Lodge, No. 2, to be located at Liverpool, was authorized, and P. G. JAMES W. HALE, or P. G. THOMAS W. COLBURN, as his substitute,

was empowered "to instruct in the degrees of the Order, such persons in Liverpool as shall be found worthy, in such numbers as may be necessary for the establishment and due management of the new Lodge."—*Journal*, 790. This Lodge was not instituted.

In 1846, a petition reached Grand Sire SHERLOCK, from South America, who declined to issue the Warrant, remarking: "Under the same view of the Constitution, and of the power vested in the Grand Officers during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I was constrained to refuse my assent to an application from P. G. PENA, for authority to institute a Lodge in Maracaibo, South America."—*Journal*, 847. No further effort was made for a Lodge at this place.

At this session, "a communication from the Grand Lodge of Australia, New South Wales, I. O. O. F. was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order."—*Journal*, 918. That committee reported (pp. 953-4), tendering assurances of the highest respect, of the Grand Lodge, etc.; also directing steps to be taken for the return of the Charters and books issued to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England.

Grand Sire SHERLOCK, in 1847, called attention to an application for a Subordinate Lodge, "from petitioners residing at Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, representing themselves to have been members of Lodges in New York, New Zealand, Liverpool, Doncaster, and Hobart Town; and as all save one of the applicants, hail from Lodges unknown to the Order here, nothing could be done to forward the wishes of the petitioners." He also recommended "that the act of P. G. WATSON, (commissioned through error, by ALBERT GUILD, D. D. Grand Sire for Massachusetts, as D. D. Grand Sire for Oregon, as reported p. 847, Journal of 1846), in issuing a dispensation to certain brethren, residents of the same place, under which a Subordinate Lodge has been instituted, be legalized, and that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the Hawaiian Islands, be recognized as a legitimate Lodge." The Grand Secretary, on page 1043, also referred to this subject, and the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1098, reported resolutions authorizing a Charter for Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and refusing a Charter to the self-constituted Body claiming to be Pacific Lodge, No. 1. The committee also authorized "a Charter for a Lodge to be styled Venezuela Lodge, No. 1, to be located in the city of Caracas, Province of Venezuela, South America," and "on the informal application for a Lodge in Pellotas, Brazil," recommended that a Charter be not granted. The Warrant for the Lodge at Caracas was duly issued in October, 1847, but "in consequence of the revolutionary state of the country," MATTHEW PURDIN, P. G. of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Baltimore, who was commissioned to institute the Lodge, deemed it prudent to defer the organization.—*Journal*, 1213.

In 1848, the Grand Secretary (Journal, 1215) announced the reception of an application for the institution of Hope Lodge, No. 1, Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was declined on account of the absence of the card of one of the applicants, and no further efforts were made to establish the Lodge.

In 1852, Grand Sire MOORE reported, page 1837: "In May last an application was received for a Lodge at Panama, in the Republic of New Granada, where our Order might be planted with great advantage to the numerous brotherhood who are constantly removing to and from California; but the application having been informal, we were relieved from the duty of deciding upon its contents, and simply informed the petitioners in what manner they could legally proceed in their laudable work." The Committee on Petitions, page 1947, recommended "that the Grand Sire be directed to issue proper Warrants for the establishment of the Order in Panama, whenever the forms of our laws shall be complied with." No further application was made.

In 1858, Rep. JOHNSON, of California, (page 2902), presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Australia Odd Fellows, on the subject of supplies, which was referred to the California delegation. This committee presented a very interesting report on the subject, which will be found on pages 2986-8 Journal, but further than recommending the Grand Secretary to correspond with "the Australian Grand Lodges," no action was taken. At the session of

1859, the Grand Secretary (pages 3029, 3035) reported an interesting communication from the Secretary of the "Victoria Grand Lodge of Australian Odd Fellows," together with a petition for a Charter upon the same terms as that issued to "The Grand Lodge of British North America," as the result of the action of the G. L. of the U. S. in 1858. This subject elicited an able report (Journal, 3129–32) from a special committee, closing with a resolution requiring further information before definite action. In 1860, the Grand Secretary stated that no reply had been received to the certified copy of the action of the last session, but a letter from Grand Secretary VALENTINE, dated Melbourne, January 16th, 1860, with the report of the Grand Master, had been received. He also informed the Grand Lodge that Bro. J. C. TERRY, P. G. Representative and Grand Secretary of Minnesota, was prepared, if desired, to visit Australia, and perform such service as might be required, free of expense to the G. L. of the U. S., (Journal, 3186). No action was taken by the Grand Lodge on the proposition, and in 1861 the Grand Secretary reported (page 3318) the receipt of another letter from Grand Secretary LANGLEY, dated Melbourne, January 23d, 1861, from which it appears the letter of 1859, transmitting the action of the G. L. of the U. S., failed to reach its destination. The money remitted was authorized to be returned. In 1862, D. G. Sire HERNDON (acting Grand Sire) reported (page 3415) that, in accordance with the legislation of 1859, he had authorized the appointment of a Commissioner to Australia, a blank for the purpose being transmitted to Bro. T. RODGERS JOHNSON, P. G. Representative and Grand Secretary of California, (Journal, 3425), and the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary was approved by the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 3463). Here the matter appears to have rested for several years, for we find no further mention of Australia until 1868, when G. Sire SANDERS (on pages 4238, 4239 and 4240 of the Journal) reviewed the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and announced that Bro. A. D. MEACHAM, P. G. Representative of California, had been commissioned in September, 1867, to proceed to Australia in accordance with the resolution of 1859.

The introduction of the Order to Peru and Chile, as well as the recent attempt to establish a Lodge and Encampment in England, are circumstances so well known to members of the Order generally, that no detailed statement of the movements need be given here.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

Some further correspondence has been had with the Corresponding Secretary of the Manchester Unity, which will be reported by the M. W. Grand Sire, in whose hands the documents have been placed.

LIBRARY.

The number of bound volumes has been increased by the addition of twenty-three books, principally the proceedings of several of the Grand Bodies, thus adding to the interest and usefulness of the valuable collection in the library of the Grand Lodge. It is perhaps superfluous to remark that there is scarcely a day that one or more of the volumes are not consulted to determine some question or answer the inquiry of some correspondent, and it would be a great satisfaction to announce that the efforts to procure complete records of all the Grand Bodies had been crowned with success.

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History of American Odd Fellowship. The first decade. By James L. Ridgely, Historiographer; octavo, cloth, pp. 512; presented by JAMES L. RIDGELY, session September, 1878.—(Journal 7836)..... 1

Journal of proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, from April 1876 to April 1879, inclusive; octavo, pp. 592; presented by the Grand Lodge of Maryland..... 1

Proceedings of the twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, held at San Francisco, May 14th, 1878; octavo, pp. 795–1060; presented by the Grand Lodge of California..... 1

Proceedings of the twenty-fourth Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of California, convened in Pacific Hall, San Francisco, Monday, May 13th, 1878; octavo, pp. 1461–1554; presented by the Grand Encampment of California..... 1

Proceedings of the twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the R.W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, held at San Francisco, May 13th, 1879; octavo, pp. 1–236; presented by the Grand Lodge of California..... 1

Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas, twenty-seventh Annual Session at Austin, Monday, February 3d, 1879; octavo, pp. 583–638; presented with the compliments of R. A. Blandford, Grand Scribe..... 1

Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Vol. III, September 24th, 1870, to September 1st, 1875, pp. 1–454, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Lodge of Colorado, Vol. I, November 30th, 1867, to October 18th, 1877, pp. 1–710, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Lodge of Georgia, Vol. III, August 2d, 1871, to August 14th, 1878, pp. 1–78, 1–426, with a Digest of 106 pages, pamphlets bound, octavo. 1

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Vol. VI, August 1st, 1872, to August 2d, 1877, pp. 1–1074, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Lodge of Missouri, Vol. IV, May 19th, 1868, to May 22d, 1872, pp. 1–550, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Lodge of Missouri, Vol. V, May 20th, 1873, to May 17th, 1877, pp. 1–654, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

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Grand Lodge of Kansas, Vol. II, October 10th, 1871, to October 10th, 1876. pp. 811–1860, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Encampment of Kansas, Vol. I, October 9th, 1866, to March 12th, 1878, pp. 1–496, pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Vol. II, June 7th, 1871, to June 6th, 1878, pp. 571–912, and 68 pages Appendix, and pp. 1–64 (1877), and pp. 1–68 (1878), pamphlets bound, octavo..... 1

Grand Lodge of Utah, Vol. I, May 30th, 1874, to April 16th, 1879, pp. 1–422, presented by Grand Lodge of Utah, octavo..... 1

Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., from 1876, to 1878, inclusive; with the analytical index for each year, and the general index. Vol. IX, full calf, octavo..... 1

New Age, San Francisco, Vol. XIII, 1877, and Vol. XIV, 1878; quarto.... 2

Der Fuhrer, (The Leader) New York, Vols. III, IV and V, April 1875, to April 1878, quarto..... 3

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History of Odd Fellowship in Wisconsin, By A. J. Langworthy, P. G. Rep., P. G. Secretary and P. G. Master; octavo, pp. 192; presented by L. B. Hills, Grand Secretary.

Dedicatory Ceremonies at the unveiling of the Kennedy Monument, in Cypress Hills Cemetery, August 19th, 1878; octavo, pp. 16; presented by John Medole, P. G. Rep.

Sixth Annual Report of the O. F. Mutual Aid Association of Indiana, November 20th, 1878, pp. 24.

Eighth Annual Report of the I. O. O. F. Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia, January 1st, 1879, pp. 8.

Fifty-second Semi-Annual Report of the General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco, California, July 14th, 1878–January 12th, 1879, pp. 30.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Odd Fellows' Library Association of the City and County of San Francisco, 1878–9, pp. 24.

Report of the Special Relief Committee, I. O. O. F. of Memphis, Tennessee, containing accurate accounts of funds on hand, received and disbursed during the yellow fever epidemic, of 1878, pp. 22.

Report of Committee appointed by W. S. Cappeller, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, I. O. O. F., for the purpose of receiving and disbursing the funds contributed by the Order in Ohio, for the relief of brethren and their families suffering from the yellow fever in the Southern States, pp. 24.

The Epidemic of 1878 in Mississippi. Report of the Yellow Fever Relief Work through J. L. Power Grand Secretary of Masons and Grand Treasurer of Odd Fellows. A practical demonstration of the generosity and gratitude of the American people, pp. 216; presented by J. L. Power, G. Treasurer.

Quarterly meeting of the Standing Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, November 1878, February and May, 1879, pp 20.

Grand Annual Movable Committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society, held in the city of Exeter, June 10–15, 1878, pp. 36; presented by Thomas Collins, Cor. Secretary.

Quarterly Report, October 1st, 1878, of the G. M. and Board of Directors of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society, pp. 134, with the "Poor Law Amendment Act (1876)," pp. 64; presented by James Spry, Cor. Sec. Plymouth District.

Congressional Directory, for the Forty-fifth Congress, corrected to December 9th, 1878; presented by Bro. R. B. Nixon, P. G., Washington, D. C.

Journal of Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, August, 1878.

Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias. First Report of John B. Stumph, S. M. of E., Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Iowa, February 1877, and February 1878.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Nebraska, October 1876, and October 1877.

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Arkansas, January, 1879; pp. 125–196.
Australia, August, 1878; pp. 1–97.
British Columbia, February, 1879; pp. 123–146.
California, May, 1879; pp. 1–236, (bound volume).
Chile, July, 1877; pp. 79–118 July and August, 1878; pp. 119–164.
Colorado, October, 1878; pp. 711–790.
Connecticut. May, 1879; pp. 349–398.
Dakota, October, 1878; pp. 175–224.
Delaware, October, 1878; pp. 1469–1586.
District of Columbia. *Want year* 1878.
Florida, April, 1878; pp. 204–276. April, 1879; pp. 277–348.
Georgia, August, 1878; pp. 373–426.
Germany: German Empire, Brandenberg, Hannover, Saxony, Wurttemberg, } No Journals received since last report, page 7626 Journal of 1878.
Illinois, November, 1878; pp. 461–696.

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Iowa, October, 1878, pp. 463–596.
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Kentucky, October, 1878; pp. 3125–3264.
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Maine, August, 1878; pp. 1125–1228.
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Massachusetts, February, 1879; pp. 297–410.
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Missouri, May, 1879; pp. 163–308.
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Nebraska, October, 1877, and October, 1878; pp. 1–186.
Nevada, June, 1878; pp. 1239–1354. June, 1879; pp. 1355–1450.
New Hampshire, October, 1878; pp. 857–960.
New Jersey, November, 1878; pp. 341–518.
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Quebec, October, 1878, and January, 1879; pp. 1–20.
Rhode Island. *Want February and August*, 1879.
South Carolina. *Want* 1877, 1878 *and* 1879.
Switzerland, April, 1879; pp. 1–40.
Tennessee, October, 1878; pp. 2241–2316.
Texas, February, 1879; pp. 1377–1596.
Utah, April, 1879; pp. 349–422. (See bound volumes).
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Wyoming, October, 1878; pp. 91–136.

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Alabama, February, 1879; pp. 269–284.
Arkansas. *Want all Proceedings.*
California. *Want May*, 1879.
Colorado, October, 1877, and October, 1878; pp. 143–226.
Connecticut, October, 1878; pp. 639–666.
Delaware. *Want* 1876, 1877 *and* 1878.
District of Columbia, Year 1878; pp. 329–372.
Georgia, August, 1878; pp. 203–220.
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Maine, August, 1878; pp. 433–484.
Maryland, February and October, 1878; pp. 117–176.
Massachusetts. *Want* 1879.
Michigan, February, 1879; pp. 1–88.
Minnesota, June, 1879; pp. 137–160.

Mississippi, July, 1875; pp. 61–68. July, 1878; pp. 111–136 (with Journal of Grand Lodge of Mississippi).
Missouri, May, 1879; pp. 95–140.
Nebraska, October, 1877, and October, 1878; pp. 1–52.
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New Hampshire, October, 1878; pp. 375–420.
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New York, August, 1876; pp. 509–602. February, 1877; pp. 1–50. February, 1879; pp. 147–244.
North Carolina. *Want* 1879.
Ohio, May, 1879; pp. 1573–1666.
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Oregon, May, 1879; pp. 1–40.
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Rhode Island, March, 1879; pp. 519–590.
South Carolina *Want all Proceedings.*
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Texas, February, 1879; pp. 583–638.
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Virginia. *Want* 1879.
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The Odd Fellows' Talisman, Indianapolis, Indiana; octavo, monthly, September, 1878—August, 1879.

New Age, San Francisco, California; weekly, Vol. 14, No. 36, September 7th, 1878—Vol. 15, No. 35, August 30th, 1879. (See bound volumes).

Der Fuhrer, (German), New York; weekly, vol. 6, No. 23, September 6th, 1878—Vol. 7, No. 22, August 29th, 1879. (See bound volumes).

The Odd Fellows' Chronicle, Greenfield, Indiana; weekly to March 28th, 1879; semi-monthly from April 10th, 1879; Vol. 5, No. 32, September 7th, 1878—Vol. 6, No. 19, August 30th, 1879. Nos. 33, September 14th, 38, October 19th, 40, November 2d, 43, November 23d, 46, December 14th, 1878, of Vol. 5; Nos. 8, April 13th, 13, June 7th, 1879, of Vol. 6, *failed to reach this office.*

The Mystic Jewel, Cincinnati, Ohio; bi-weekly, Vol. 7, No. 36, September 1st, 1878—Vol. 8, No. 7, August 15th, 1879.

The Odd Fellows' Register, Providence, Rhode Island; monthly, Vol. 1, No. 35, September 4th, 1878. Vol. 2, Nos. 1–11, October, 1878—August, 1879.

Herz und Hand (German), Berlin, Prussia; semi-monthly, Vol. 7, No. 23, September 1st, 1878—Vol. 8, No. 22, August 15th, 1879.

Der Odd Fellow (German), Leipzig, Germany; semi-monthly, Vol. 2, No. 23, September 8th, 1878—Vol. 3, No. 22, August 24, 1879.

The Odd Fellows' Herald, Springfield, Illinois; weekly, Vol. 1, September 5th, 1878—August 21st, 1879. Nos. 1, 4, 8, 10, 14, 35, 49, *failed to reach this office.*

The Odd Fellow, Louisville, Kentucky; monthly, Vol. 1, Nos. 1–6, March 1st—August 1st, 1879.

The Knights' Sword and Helmet, Fort Madison, Iowa; monthly, Vol. 2, No. 7, October, 1878—Vol. 3, No. 6, July, 1879.

The Guardian, Chicago, Illinois; monthly, Vol. 4, Nos. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Vol. 5, No. 1, October, 1878—August, 1879.

The Triple Link, Carrollton, Missouri; semi-monthly, Vol. 1, No. 1, July 15th, and No. 13, August 15th, 1879.

Odd Fellows' Advocate, Huntington, West Virginia; monthly, Vol. 2, Nos. 1 and 3, October and December, 1878.

WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, September 21st, 1878. Instituted at Montreal, October 30th, 1878, by CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Ontario, S. D. Grand Sire. Charter granted September, 1878, Journal, pages 7851, 7882.

GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON, September 21st, 1878. Instituted at Olympia, November 26th, 1878, by HENRY G. STRUVE, P. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Oregon, S. D. Grand Sire. Charter granted September, 1878, Journal, pages 7808, 7861.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 2, July 2d, 1879. Instituted at Phœnix, Arizona Territory, July 26th, 1879, by JUNIUS E. WHARTON, P. G., by appointment of CLARK CHURCHILL, S. D. Grand Sire, on the application of seven brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

Charters in blank were issued for Lodges in Hungary and Barbados.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

The following Charters were issued to take the place of Charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, as authorized by the legislation September, 1873, Journal, 5888:

Washington Territory.

TOUCHET LODGE, No. 5, Waitesburg, dated September 21st, 1878.

Idaho Territory.

PIONEER LODGE, No. 1, Idaho City, dated April 25th, 1879. Original Charter dated February 16th, 1864.

OWYHEE LODGE, No. 2, Silver City, dated April 25th, 1879. Original Charter dated August 2d, 1867.

ADA LODGE, No. 3, Boise City, dated April 25th, 1879. Original Charter dated December 18th, 1867.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 4, Centreville, dated April 25th, 1879. Original Charter dated September 10th, 1868.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 5, Salmon City, dated April 25th, 1879. Original Charter dated May 12th, 1869.

COVENANT LODGE, No. 6, Placerville, dated April 25th, 1879. Original Charter dated May 20th, 1871.

It is believed that all the Charters granted in error to Subordinates in the Territories, by Grand Bodies of contiguous jurisdictions, have been substituted by Warrants from this office, as reported above, and on pages 6067 and 6404–5, Journals of 1874 and 1875.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATES.

The reports from Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have generally reached the office in good season, although some Bodies have been delinquent, thereby causing numerous notices to be sent to the District Deputies as well as to the officers of the Subordinates.

RETURNS FROM GRAND BODIES.

Annual Reports have been received from all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, except the Grand Lodge of Chile and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina. By-Law, Article X., provides that "said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the city of Baltimore, Maryland." This law is practically ignored, as but a small fraction of the Representative tax is paid until after the first of July, and of the 89 reports required from Grand Bodies, 2 were received in January, 9 in February, 17 in March, 21 in April, 18 in May, 12 in June, 4 in July, 4 in August, and 2 have not yet reached this office—less than one-third being returned within the time prescribed by the law, which is printed on every blank form sent out. Seventeen Grand Bodies, as shown by the statement of balances herewith, have not paid the Representative tax for 1879.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Some correspondence has been had with Bro. SILAS JOHNSTONE, G. Representative, concerning the surrender of the Charter of the Grand Encampment, it having failed to report for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878. Bro. JOHNSTONE hopes to be able to revive the organization, and will doubtless enlighten the Grand Lodge on the subject.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH

Grand Secretaries advise that they experience great difficulty in obtaining correct reports from these Lodges, in some instances representing that only "a small minority of the Lodges send up reports for two consecutive years." This matter is within the remedy of the Grand Masters, as the law of 1876, page 7060, provides "that whenever any Rebekah Degree Lodge which heretofore has been, or hereafter may be chartered, shall, for thirty days after the time by law required for the making of its Annual Report, neglect to make and forward such report to the proper officer, *it shall be the duty of the Grand Master of the proper jurisdiction to declare the Charter of such Lodge forfeited, and to reclaim the same.*" The law of 1873, Journal 5881, provides "that Grand Lodges having Subordinate Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah under their jurisdiction, shall require such Lodges to report annually, on the 31st of December, the information necessary to complete the returns required by this Grand Lodge." Hence, if the law is obeyed, the Grand Masters will, on the first of February, declare the Charters of all Lodges failing to report by that date forfeited under the law, and proceed to reclaim the same, and the Grand Secretary will place the number of members reported the year previous in the column of "dropped." As there is no provision in the return for reporting the number "reinstated" and "received by card," it is apparent that all received by reinstatement or otherwise must be entered as "admitted during the year." There seems to be no difficulty in the way of getting correct and prompt reports if the laws are complied with.

The information from the several jurisdictions relating to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah is omitted from the "General Correspondence," and is herewith presented in as compact a manner as possible.

There are no Lodges in Arkansas, British Columbia, Dakota, Florida, Louisiana, Lower Provinces, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Quebec, South Carolina, Utah and Washington.

Alabama.—5 Lodges, 149 members, increase 26. *California.*—41 Lodges, 2,023 members, increase 323. *Colorado.*—Grand Secretary BELL wrote: "I have no reports from Rebekah Degree Lodges for last year." The report for 1876 exhibited 2 Lodges and 166 members. *Connecticut.*—14 Lodges, 1,780 members, decrease 77. *Delaware.*—Grand Secretary HALLAM advised: "A Lodge has been organized at Georgetown, in the southern part of the State. I inclose a report which embraces the first six months of its existence. The membership is not large, but determination and enthusiasm are important factors in any enterprise." 1 Lodge, 23 members. *District of Columbia.*—1 Lodge, 71 members, increase 4. *Georgia.*—Grand Secretary DEITZ wrote: "Our Rebekah Degree Lodges are seemingly defunct. The Degree does not seem to work well in this jurisdiction." 1 Lodge, 97 members, increase 9. *Illinois.*—45 Lodges, 1,777 members, decrease 247. *Indiana.*—Grand Secretary FOSTER wrote: "Since the beginning of the present year there has been quite a revival among the Lodges of this Degree; and though my report of this branch embodies the statistics of only fifty Lodges, we have now working under the new law some eighty Lodges, from all of which we shall expect favorable reports with the close of the present year." 184 Lodges reported 2,337 members, increase 91. *Iowa.*—43 Lodges, 1,839 members, decrease 41. *Kansas.*—21 Lodges, 469 members, increase 4. *Kentucky.*—Grand Secretary WHITE advised: "The report is nearly a copy of the previous report, but I hope the recent action of your R. W. Grand Body admitting the daughters and sisters of fifth degree members, may enliven and give it an impetus that will

enable us to make a more encouraging and interesting report of this branch in our next" 22 Lodges, 405 members, increase 6. *Lower Provinces.*—Grand Secretary FRAZEE advised that a Dispensation for a Lodge had been issued. *Maine.*—Grand Secretary DAVIS advised: "This branch still continues to increase in membership." 15 Lodges, 1,786 members, increase 148. *Massachusetts.*—Grand Secretary COLE wrote: "There has been a gain of 1 Lodge and 53 members, making the total membership in 29 Lodges 1,613 brothers and 1,679 sisters. Receipts, $3,583.31; assets, $11,382.98." *Michigan.*—Grand Secretary WHITNEY advised: "The report is very imperfect, yet I give you all the material I find in the reports of Subordinates. I am preparing a circular for these Lodges, by means of which I hope to obtain, a year hence, more complete and legal reports than heretofore. I feel great confidence in the good results of the recent legislation of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and think it will lead to the re-organization of many defunct Lodges, and call into existence many new ones. Our working Lodges are much gratified with the change." 27 Lodges, 1,127 members, decrease 102. *Missouri.*—22 Lodges, 556 members, increase 99. *Nebraska.*—Grand Secretary CLINE wrote: "I inclose a partial report. The encouragement is such that I desire to continue the effort for another year." 6 Lodges, 309 members, increase 17. *Nevada.*—1 Lodge, 71 members, increase 1. *New Hampshire.*—Grand Secretary KIDDER wrote: "There is considerable interest in our Rebekah Degree Lodges, but we hardly hold our own. The constant and radical changes in the legislation pertaining to the Rebekah Degree have done little or nothing to give either strength or character to this branch of our Order." 11 Lodges, 1,353 members, decrease 62. *New Jersey.*—29 Lodges, 1,341 members, increase 13. *New York.*—48 Lodges, 2,961 members. The last report, for year 1875, exhibited 251 members. Increase in three years, 2,710. *North Carolina.*—Grand Secretary LITCHFORD wrote: "I am unable to say why, but somehow Rebekah Lodges do not take with our people. I wish it were otherwise." 1 Lodge, 34 members, decrease 16. *Ohio.*—45 Lodges, 2,176 members, decrease 274. *Ontario.*—On the 17th of July, Grand Secretary KING wrote: "I have but two Rebekah Lodges to report, and have requested them to make prompt returns, and will report to you soon as received." The promised return has not reached this office. *Oregon.*—Grand Secretary BACON advised: "It is impossible to get reports from Lodges so as to make a report to the Grand Lodge." The report for 1877 exhibited 8 Lodges, 186 members. *Pennsylvania.*—"Number of Lodges apparently 83; number reporting, 40; no reports from 43 Lodges." Members, 1,791; decrease, 165. *Rhode Island.*—15 Lodges, 1,045 members, increase 45. *Tennessee.*—Grand Secretary HARWELL advised: "In response to yours asking if I would make a Rebekah report, allow me to say that I will not, as I have nothing to report." The last report was for the year 1876, and exhibited 21 Lodges, 235 members. *Texas.*—Grand Secretary GROVER wrote: "I regret to report such a small number of working Lodges. I am satisfied there are some holding occasional meetings that do not report, but are of benefit to those who attend the meetings." 3 Lodges, 79 members, decrease 50. *Vermont.*—5 Lodges, 343 members, decrease 15. *Virginia.*—Grand Secretary DAVIS advised: "We have only one Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah. It has been organized only a few months, but is in good condition, having 46 members, with prospects of a large increase in the near future." *West Virginia.*—13 Lodges, 671 members, decrease 175. *Wisconsin.*—45 Lodges, 1,645 members, decrease 9. *Wyoming.*—Grand Secretary ALTMAN wrote: "Our Rebekah Degree Lodge has not reported to the Grand Lodge for four years."

DIGEST.

The Grand Lodge, at the last session, deemed it inexpedient to take any steps towards procuring a new Digest. As the present work, including the "supplement," embraces no legislation since 1874, numerous inquiries have been made for a later edition containing the laws to the present time. If another "supplement" is ordered, the decisions in the present supplement must

be incorporated with the new matter, involving a large outlay for composition, and increasing the book to an unwieldy and inconvenient size. I beg, therefore, to again call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject as presented last year on page 7635, Journal. It is proper that the statement be made that only about 900 copies of the "supplement" are on hand, and when this supply is exhausted, it will be impossible to furnish a later edition than the original one of 1870, unless the present supplement (1871–1874) of 118 leaves (236 pages) is reprinted. A supplement from 1871 to 1879, inclusive, will, it is believed, require at least 250 leaves or 500 pages, which, added to the 556 of the original Digest, will make a book of more than 1,000 pages.

BOUND JOURNAL.

At the session of 1873, an edition of 250 copies, each of Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 1,000 copies each of 7 and 8, were ordered, (Journal, 5916). Volumes 1 to 7, inclusive, were reprinted and delivered to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge in 1874, and Volume 8 in 1876. At the session of 1877, it was found necessary to order 250 copies each of Volumes 5 and 6. Volume 9 was ordered at the session of 1879, and 500 copies were furnished, and one copy forwarded to each member of the Grand Lodge. There are now on hand 1 copy of Volume 1, 6 of Volume 3, 7 of Volume 4, 157 of Volume 5, 191 of Volume 6, 502 of Volume 7, 540 of Volume 8, 332 of Volume 9. It will therefore be seen that a reprint of Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be required. About 50 sets per annum are delivered to Representatives, very few being sold, as will be observed by reference to the tables accompanying the Annual Reports of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

CARDS ISSUED.

As authorized by the law of 1859, (Section 229, Digest), cards have been issued as follows:

October 16th, 1878, to WILLIAM J. DE GRESS, of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.

August 12th, 1879, to WILLIAM JOHN WATSON, WILLIAM BRYDON, THOMAS RYAN, DANIEL J. HOULAHAN, E. J. KERR, DANIEL CAMPBELL, WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS, DAVID B. MURRAY, NORMAN SNYDER and GEORGE CLEMENTS, of North Star Lodge, No. 2, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

THE EPIDEMIC OF 1878.

After the close of the last session, the following sums were received in aid of sufferers by the yellow fever:

1878.			
Sept. 25.	From	Golden Lodge, No. 13, Golden, Colorado	$25 00
Oct. 8.	"	Georgetown Lodge, No. 5, Georgetown, Colorado	25 00
" 9.	"	Twenty Odd Fellows in Park City, Utah	50 00
" "	"	Eureka Lodge, No. 2, Eureka, Nevada	53 00
" 12.	"	Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Central, Colorado	40 25
" "	"	Nevada Lodge, No. 6, Bald Mountain, Colorado	25 50
" 16.	"	Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu Sandwich Islands	50 00
Nov. 13.	"	Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands	25 00
		Total	$293 75

Transmitted to	Memphis, Tennessee	$125 00
"	Summit, Mississippi	125 75
"	New Orleans, Louisiana	43 00
		$293 75

Amount reported, page 7695, Journal of 1878	$675 00
" " " 7895, " "	565 00
" as above	293 75
Total received at this office	$1,533 75

Sent to Tennessee	$250 00		
" "	185 00		
" "	125 00		
		$560 00	
" Mississippi	$325 00		
" "	180 00		
" "	125 75		
		$630 75	
" Louisiana	$100 00		
" "	200 00		
" "	43 00		
		$343 00	
			$1,533 75

The correspondence connected with the receipt and disbursement of the amount is herewith submitted.

I present the following letter from Bro. LUTHER HOMES, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

New Orleans, November 28th, 1878.

At the time we received your donations we deemed it prudent to make acknowledgment of the same by telegraph, believing it would be more in accordance with your wishes than a letter written at that time. Now that the frightful epidemic is ended, we will strive to convey to you and through you to the contributors to the fund you sent us, our heartfelt gratitude for the assistance you so kindly rendered and at a time it was so greatly needed. The total amount you sent us was $343, although Utah, by mistake and too late for correction, gets credit for $100 of it, which you will notice in our report to be sent to you in a few days. The whole sum received from all sources is $12,104.13; and all paid out in alleviating our sufferings and in saving the lives of many of our fraternity. The Lodges can now, with the prospects before them, attend to their relief duties without further assistance. With hearts full of gratitude for the munificent assistance rendered by our noble hearted brotherhood, we remain fraternally,

LUTHER HOMES, *Grand Secretary.*

Bro. POWER of Mississippi, transmitted a check for $1,000, being the balance remaining in his hands, of the contributions of Lodges and members of the Order. The amount was immediately paid to the Grand Treasurer, in accordance with the law of 1875, Journal, pp. 6577–8.

The following letter accompanied the remittance:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., May 19th, 1879.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

Grand Secretary G. L. of the U. S., Baltimore, Md.;

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—In bringing to a close my labors incident to the distribution of the large amount of money entrusted to me last fall, I find to my credit in bank an unexpended balance—the I. O. O. F. proportion of which is about one thousand dollars. I inclose you a New York draft for that amount, to be invested by you as the law directs in such case. It would not be difficult to find families of the Order who suffered by the epidemic last fall, who might be judiciously aided by the distribution of this amount among them; still, I know of none who cannot now in some way provide for themselves, and especially if we are spared another visitation of the pestilence.

I will not now go into details, as I hope, within a few weeks, to send you a somewhat extended report of the relief work through me. It will show how generous and timely was the relief, and how gratefully it was appreciated by our suffering people.

As Grand Secretary of Masons, I received	$48,161 84
As Grand Treasurer of Odd Fellows, I received	16,200 66
From miscellaneous sources I received	12,746 24
Total	$77,108 74

In addition to $13,000 which I received as Treasurer of the Howard Association of this city. My work extended to about thirty communities in this State. I worked through the Masons, Odd Fellows, Howards, and other relief societies, and, when the plague had subsided and the people were returning to their desolate homes, I visited them in person, and distributed to them the material aid and conveyed to them the hearty sympathy of their friends of the North and West—of the whole world indeed.

My work will undergo the careful scrutiny of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. Grand Lodges, and if approved by them, I am sure the generous contributors will be satisfied. I will send a copy of my report to all Grand Officers and Lodges from whom funds were received.

Will thank you for acknowledgment that I may file as a voucher.

Fraternally,

J. L. POWER, *Grand Treasurer.*

The resolution, page 7872, Journal, requested the Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions that have contributed funds for the relief of yellow fever sufferers, to furnish a detailed statement of the names of Lodges and Encampments contributing, with the amount of the donations, "to be recorded in the archives of this Grand Body." I do not understand that the publication of the information was contemplated, and have therefore filed the documents received. The aggregate amount reported is given below, but the list is incomplete, as no statements have been furnished by the Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes of California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Texas, West Virginia, the Grand Scribes of Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ontario, Tennessee, Virginia, and the Grand Secretaries of the District of Columbia and Quebec.

California.—The Grand Secretary, March 10th, advised: "A report of the amounts contributed by Lodges in California to yellow fever sufferers will be published in a few days, and a copy sent to you." The document has not reached this office. *District of Columbia.*—The Grand Scribe advised that the Subordinate Encampments were prepared to contribute, but were informed that "the brethren in the South did not need the money." *Florida*—On the Annual Report, I find: "total yellow fever contributions for 1878, $176.50." *Kentucky.*—The aggregate amount is given, names of Subordinates omitted. *Massachusetts.*—The Grand Secretary wrote, March 1st: "I cannot furnish you the information, as the Lodges sent direct and have made no report to me." *New Hampshire.*—The Grand Secretary, on February 22d, wrote: "Through want of system and various delays, but little was contributed in the Lodges in our State. No action was taken by the Grand Lodge. Some of the Lodges sent directly to the South, and some, I think, put money with that raised from other sources. As the matter now stands, I have no knowledge of the amount contributed; nor, perhaps, would it be possible for me to ascertain without more expense and trouble than the case would warrant." *Virginia.*—The Grand Scribe, on the 24th of February, wrote: "I believe Hampton Encampment, No. 27, is the only one in this jurisdiction that contributed. I do not know the amount but will ascertain." *Washington.*—The Grand Secretary omits names of Lodges, giving only the aggregate. *Wisconsin.*—The Grand Secretary, on the 8th of March, wrote: "It is impossible to give you the exact amount of the contributions from Lodges in this jurisdiction, as several, and I may say many Lodges forwarded money before any call was made. 140 Lodges sent

contributions to me, but as most of the money came to hand after advice that no more was needed, it was returned pro rata to the Lodges."

Amount of contributions of Subordinate Lodges as reported by Grand Secretaries	$41,586 95
Subordinate Encampments as reported by Grand Scribes	1,321 00
Total	$42,907 95
Add amount forwarded to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary	1,533 75
Total amount reported	$44,441 70

Many of the Grand Secretaries advise that Subordinates forwarded money direct to the authorities in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, and through Citizens' Relief Associations, etc , and such sums do not constitute any part of the amount reported to this office, so that it is apparent that the amount actually contributed by the Order far exceeds the statement here presented.

It is evident that some of the Annual Reports, under the head of "Special Relief" include amount appropriated for yellow fever sufferers, while a number omit the item. It is impossible to ascertain the actual amount expended for charitable purposes which is undoubtedly much more than is annually exhibited in the returns. An examination of the abstract of reports will show that the Lodges and Encampments paid for Special Relief in the year 1878, $99,053.63.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Among the many subjects to which the attention of the Grand Lodge is invited at this time is that of "Endowment." A formal and elaborate report detailing a system under the management of the Grand Lodge has been presented, and has been referred to a special committee, under instructions to report at the present session.

This subject is all absorbing, and has awakened much interest in the Order on both sides. It has occupied public attention for several years, and is worthy of serious notice as one of great attraction to all beneficial societies, which are peculiarly concerned.

Endowment *per se*, considered as a source of capital, or means of wealth, is not very generally understood, as an abstract or independent proposition. The life policy is the pabulum or capital employed, for which a tax is paid, which represents the real capital. This capital it is proposed shall be managed by the Grand Lodge with its appropriate machinery and present officers, thus complicating the business of the body with the details of commerce, and its natural contingencies and business dangers.

Several Grand Secretaries have expressed their views of the endowment plan, whose opinions will be found under the head of "General Correspondence." There has also been received in connection with this subject the detailed proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Maryland in circular form, transmitted by that Grand Body to every jurisdiction, challenging the measure of "Endowment" and protesting against its introduction into the Order, as fraught with danger to the institution, intimating insolvency and other business complications as likely to ensue from it. The paper, which is able and temperate, is herewith submitted by the Grand Secretary for what it is worth by way of information on the subject. He abstains from discussing the question; having been referred to a special committee, it is due to that committee to calmly await its report on the important subject, and to candidly consider it in all its bearings.

The Grand Secretary without having any special feeling on the question is desirous of shedding every practical light on so vital a matter, satisfied as he is,

that nothing contributes more to the general prosperity than a solid and reliable system of finance. Opinion is greatly divided on this endowment question; and great care and prudent deliberation are therefore required to educe the truth from error.

The Order owes much of its prosperity and general health in the past, to its solid and reliable system of finance. Nothing is truer than that the general prosperity of an institution is connected with solid life and power and intimately associated with them. The finances therefore must be regarded as the life blood of our institution.

DEATHS.

The mortality among the Past Grand Representatives continues to startle us by its frequency as well as by the character of the subjects, and by the rude invasion of the ranks of very old and tried friends. Death is no respecter of persons. Among its victims during the past year, the following have been brought to our notice.

The members who assembled here a year ago had just departed for their homes, when we were shocked by the announcement that one of their number who came to Baltimore to attend the session, but whose illness prevented his leaving his hotel, had been summoned from time to eternity. Robert H. Hotchkiss, Representative of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin at the sessions of 1877–8, died in the city of New York, N. Y., September 29th, 1878, aged fifty-nine years.

Rev. E. M. P. Wells, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and P. G, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Boston, Mass., December 1st, 1878, aged eighty-five years; revered, beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was an Episcopal clergyman of eminent ability.

Lucius A. Thomas, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, at New Haven, Conn., May 22d, 1879, aged seventy-one years. He survived most of his brethren who worked with him in the ranks of the Order; was highly esteemed and revered as a worthy brother, and universally beloved.

Seaton Gales, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at Washington, D. C., November 29th, 1878, aged fifty years. He was of great distinction as an Odd Fellow, and North Carolina had no nobler son.

James H. Stewart, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at Delphi, Ind., April 13th, 1879, aged seventy years.

George I. Miller, P. G. Representative of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, at Burlington, N. J., June 2d, 1879.

A. L. Stinson, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, at Salem, Oregon, May 28th, 1879.

James Atkinson, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, at Newport, R. I., June 12th, 1879.

Abraham B. Coleman, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Stuart W. Cayce, P. G. Representative of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, and P. G. Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Mobile, Alabama, July 16th, 1879.

The distinguished services performed by the deceased, their character, standing, and virtues, and their efforts in any and every position for the advancement of the Order, will be presented at the proper time by their successors.

THE HISTORY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

The History of American Odd Fellowship for the First Decade, was completed during the last session of this Body. It was hastily examined and recommended to the brotherhood. Since that time it has been read and criticized, and has been noticed everywhere by the secular press and in the publications of the Order. The tone and substance of those notices have been so complimentary as to have become a source of just pride and pleasure to your Historiographer. The scope of the work in many of its leading parts, has embraced a large area

after the First Decade, coming down in many instances to our own times. This is true of many of the historical biographies, and is eminently so of the chapter on "the Degrees and Encampment branch."

The book was written for the Order and was intended as one of its enduring monuments. It is due to the Historiographer to say that so far it has not been to him of any pecuniary value. The money advanced for its preparation and publication, was insufficient for that purpose. Of this, excepting only the sum of $500 paid to the Historiographer of Pennsylvania, not one cent has been retained by your Historiographer or paid by him to his editorial colleague Rep. HENRY F. GAREY. The money in hand, under these circumstances, was barely sufficient to complete the plates in readiness for the press. The expense of the press work, printing and binding of a suitable edition, has been incurred individually. This was expected to be realized by quick and ready sales, which have not been made The agents selected in most cases, had either not the time or the tact to introduce the work. In other instances, indeed, the success has been remarkable; but when it is stated that more copies have been sold in Georgia and South Carolina than in the whole of New England, and more in California than in New York and Pennsylvania, more in Canada and one or two North Western States than in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky combined, it will be seen that as yet the work has attained no general circulation. This has been somewhat owing to the hard times and the want of suitable agents, but the main reason exists in the want of interest which is manifested in nearly all our Grand Bodies, and the apathy and neglect of the leading members of the Order, to whom the book was more especially addressed. The Historiographer, with proper distrust of his own judgment, but also with confidence in the voluntary praise bestowed upon the work, would most respectfully urge this Supreme Body to devise some measure by which a volume which is the ancestral tree and eulogy of American Odd Fellowship, may find its way into the Lodges, Encampments and homes of our fraternity.

FINANCES.

The several tables exhibiting the details of revenue, for the entire year are herewith presented.

The entire amount has been passed to the Grand Treasurer, as the sums were from time to time received, the respective vouchers for which will be handed to the Committee on Finance.

The finances, which are immediately in charge of the Assistant Grand Secretary, are represented to be in a satisfactory condition. The amount of invested funds of the Grand Lodge, remains at present the same as on September 1st, 1878, and in the judgment of the Assistant Grand Secretary the expenses of the session may be paid out of the money in the treasury, without disposing of any of the securities of the Grand Lodge. This is an unusually gratifying state of affairs, as the ordinary revenue of the Grand Lodge has been insufficient to pay its current expenses for several years, although the supplies have been kept at a comparitively high figure, during that period.

Amendments to the Constitution have been introduced, as revenue measures, and it is hoped, that such a well digested system of finance will be now matured, as shall place the Grand Lodge in a solid and reliable position. These plans of revenue are severally on the Journal and will at the proper time come up for consideration, and will doubtless receive your serious attention.

Among the schemes a per capita tax on the membership is recommended as a uniform and just system for the general support of the whole Order, instead of the present system of assessment upon "Supplies," by which the jurisdictions, which consume the most of the supplies pay by far the larger tax.

This per capita system was first ventured during the administration of Grand Sire ROBERT A. GRIFFIN, of Georgia, but was vehemently resisted at the time, and after a brief existence the law was repealed, and the Grand Lodge accepted the present plan, which has obtained ever since.

RECEIPTS, *September* 1, 1878, *to August* 30, 1879.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance Sept. 1, 1878.	Charter.	Supplies.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	$149 60	.....	$16 55	$150 00	$316 15
Arkansas	.....	.....	111 67	150 00	261 67
British Columbia	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
California	.....	.....	686 00	150 00	836 00
Colorado	.....	.....	88 98	150 00	238 98
Connecticut	.....	.....	321 00	150 00	471 00
Dakota	.....	.....	157 45	75 00	232 45
Delaware	.....	.....	60 50	150 00	210 50
District of Columbia	150 00	.....	33 00	150 00	333 00
Florida	.....	.....	3 66	75 00	78 66
Georgia	.....	.....	48 36	150 00	198 36
German Empire	55 51	.....	5 38	.....	60 89
Idaho	.....	$30 00	.....	.....	30 00
Illinois	.....	.....	1,304 52	150 00	1,454 52
Indiana	.....	.....	984 10	150 00	1,134 10
Iowa	.....	.....	810 55	150 00	960 55
Kansas	.....	.....	393 30	150 00	543 30
Kentucky	.....	.....	174 80	.....	174 80
Louisiana	.....	.....	89 00	150 00	239 00
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	.....	155 00	150 00	305 00
Maine	.....	.....	521 50	150 00	671 50
Maryland	.....	.....	146 25	150 00	296 25
Massachusetts	.....	.....	1,025 50	150 00	1,175 50
Michigan	.....	.....	507 00	150 00	657 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	253 75	150 00	403 75
Mississippi	.....	.....	19 00	150 00	169 00
Missouri	.....	.....	340 25	150 00	490 25
Montana	.....	.....	53 63	75 00	128 63
Nebraska	.....	.....	251 70	150 00	401 70
Nevada	.....	.....	116 90	150 00	266 90
New Hampshire	.....	.....	456 00	150 00	606 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	260 00	150 00	410 00
New York	.....	.....	1,239 25	150 00	1,389 25
New Zealand	97 80	.....	1 63	.....	99 43
North Carolina	.....	.....	10 00	150 00	160 00
Ohio	.....	.....	1,347 50	150 00	1 497 50
Ontario	.....	.....	364 15	150 00	514 15
Oregon	.....	.....	89 00	150 00	239 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	1,161 95	.....	1,161 95
Quebec	.....	26 00	61 50	.....	87 50
Rhode Island	.....	.....	212 75	150 00	362 75
South Carolina	75 00	.....	4 20	75 00	154 20
Tennessee	150 00	.....	102 10	.....	252 10
Texas	.....	.....	291 25	150 00	441 25
Utah	.....	.....	32 05	75 00	107 05
Vermont	.....	.....	91 33	150 00	241 33
Virginia	.....	.....	24 55	150 00	174 55
Washington	.....	.....	285 62	75 00	360 62
West Virginia	.....	.....	78 04	150 00	228 04
Wisconsin	.....	.....	791 00	150 00	941 00
Wyoming	75 00	.....	16 54	75 00	166 54
	$752 91	$56 00	$15,649 71	$5,925 00	$22,383 62

RECEIPTS, *September* 1, 1878, *to August* 30, 1879.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance Sept 1, 1878,	Supplies.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	$75 00	.....	.....	$75 00
Arkansas	75 00	$4 00	.....	79 00
California	.....	.....	$150 00	150 00
Colorado	.....	46 00	.....	46 00
Connecticut	.....	5 00	150 00	155 00
Delaware	.....	60	75 00	75 60
District of Columbia	75 00	24 00	75 00	174 00
Georgia	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Illinois	.....	52 00	150 00	202 00
Indiana	.....	87 00	150 00	237 00
Iowa	.....	104 00	150 00	254 00
Kansas	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Kentucky	.....	20 00	.....	20 00
Louisiana	.....	7 00	75 00	82 00
Maine	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Maryland	.....	8 00	150 00	158 00
Massachusetts	.....	260 00	150 00	410 00
Michigan	.....	36 00	.....	36 00
Minnesota	.....	9 00	75 00	84 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	.....	12 50	150 00	162 50
Nebraska	.....	14 00	75 00	89 00
Nevada	.....	18 60	75 00	93 60
New Hampshire	.....	130 00	150 00	280 00
New Jersey	.....	20 00	150 00	170 00
New York	150 00	32 00	.....	182 00
North Carolina	.....	1 22	75 00	76 22
Ohio	.....	140 00	150 00	290 00
Ontario	.....	39 00	150 00	189 00
Oregon	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Pennsylvania	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
Rhode Island	.....	1 00	150 00	151 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	75 00	.....	.....	75 00
Texas	.....	15 72	.....	15 72
Vermont	75 00	10 00	.....	85 00
Victoria (Australia)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
West Virginia	.....	37 50	75 00	112 50
Wisconsin	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
	$525 00	$1,174 14	$3,150 00	$4,849 14

RECEIPTS, *September* 1, 1878, *to August* 30, 1879.

SUBORDINATES AND INDIVIDUALS.	Balance Sept. 1, 1878.	Supplies.	Dues.	Total.
Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona..	.....	$10 00	$61 51	$71 51
Phœnix " " 2, " ..	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Denmark " " 1, Denma'k	$30 00	8 00	.....	38 00
Caddo " " 1, Indian T.	.....	.....	29 20	29 20
Tishomingo " " 2, "	.....	.....	21 04	21 04
McAlister " " 3, "	.....	7 00	22 60	29 60
Manitoba " " 1, Manit'ba	.....	.....	38 23	38 23
Paradise " " 1, Neth'l'ds	46 65	.....	54 11	100 76
Mount Sinai " " 2, "	.....	10 28	117 03	127 31
Paradise " " 2, N.Mexi'o	.....	15 36	63 05	78 41
Lima " " 1, Peru	.....	.....	34 72	34 72
Callao " " 2, "	.....	.....	25 68	25 68
Fortschritt " " 3, "	.....	.....	27 15	27 15
Chalaco " " 4, "	.....	.....	70 93	70 93
Mount Royal " " 1, P. Queb'c	.....	.....	66 25	66 25
St. Lawrence " " 2, "	.....	.....	11 77	11 77
Mizpah " " 3, "	25 25	4 50	76 17	105 92
Duke of Edinb'h " " 4, "	.....	60	22 17	22 77
Albert " " 5, "	9 26	.....	26 63	35 89
Beaver " " 6, "	.....	.....	35 17	35 17
Pioneer " " 7, "	4 44	.....	40 73	45 17
Unity " " 8, "	.....	.....	43 52	43 52
Excelsior " " 1, S.Islands	.....	11 00	92 31	103 31
Harmony " " 3, "	.....	.....	60 70	60 70
New Castle " " 8, Wash'ton	.....	.....	46 75	46 75
Mount Baker " " 9, "	.....	.....	42 79	42 79
Patit " " 10, "	.....	.....	38 55	38 55
Ranier " " 11, "	.....	.....	46 75	46 75
Snohomish " " 12, "	.....	.....	38 89	38 89
Friendship " " 13, "	.....	.....	100 65	100 65
Colfax " " 14, "	.....	4 25	45 55	49 80
Sundry Lodges.....	.....	163 05	.....	163 05
R. Purple Encamp., No. 1, Dakota...	.....	2 50	2 02	4 52
Yankton " " 2, "	.....	.....	15 10	15 10
Hesperian " " 3, "	.....	.....	4 60	4 60
Florida " " 1, Florida ..	.....	.....	5 89	5 89
Aucilla " " 2, "	.....	.....	2 18	2 18
Excelsior " " 4, "	.....	.....	10 60	10 60
Key West " " 5, "	.....	.....	18 90	18 90
Idaho " " 1, Idaho....	.....	.....	29 93	29 93
Stuart " " 10, L. Prov..	.....	.....	7 23	7 23
Milicete " " 11, "	.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Halifax " " 12, "	.....	.....	6 75	6 75
Port La Joie " " 13, "	.....	.....	6 53	6 53
Harmony " " 1, Manit'ba	.....	.....	9 60	9 60
Rocky Mountain " " 1, Montana	.....	.....	32 45	32 45
Golden Star " " 2, "	.....	.....	26 79	26 79
Centennial " " 3, N.Mexi'o	.....	.....	10 70	10 70
Atahualpa " " 1, Peru	.....	.....	9 02	9 02
Polynesia " " 1, S.Islands	.....	.....	35 39	35 39
Unity " " 2, Wash'ton	.....	.....	14 10	14 10
Wyoming " " 1, Wyoming	.....	.....	27 72	27 72
Hope " " 2, "	.....	1 03	12 37	13 40
Charles Betz.....	.....	755 78	.....	755 78
Sundry Individuals.....	.....	163 87	.....	163 87
	$115 60	$1,160 22	$1,713 47	$2,989 29

RECAPITULATED.

Grand Lodges		$22,383 62
Grand Encampments		4,849 14
Subordinates and Individuals		2,989 29
Ordinary Revenue		$30,222 05
United States Bonds, sold	$8,000 00	
Interest and Premium	560 82	
Wildey Monument Fund, for keeping Bonds	22 13	
		8,582 95
		$38,805 00
Interest to credit of Wildey Monument Fund	$120 00	
Surplus Relief Fund	1,000 00	
North Star Lodge, No. 2, Fund	108 00	
		1,228 00
Total paid to Grand Treasurer		$40,033 00
Ordinary Revenue		$30,222 05
Balances due		2,503 63
Total		$32,725 68
Amount August 31st, 1878, per Journal, page 7644		32,523 47
Excess over year ending August 31st, 1878		$202 21

The revenue, adding amount due, exceeds by a small amount, that of the previous year, and it will be noticed that the balance sheet exhibits a net profit of $1,086.96 on the business of the year. The loss in 1875 was $2,741.44; in 1876, $655.79; in 1877, $8,681.15; in 1878, $10,335.53. The increase in assets the last year consists of Cash, $833.68; Plates, $330.50; Furniture and Library, $323.60; Grand and Subordinate Bodies, $701.66; Total, $2,189.44; deduct decrease in supplies on hand, $1,102.48; net increase, $1,086.96.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sandwich Islands.—The mail of August 27th brought a letter from W. C. Parke, D. D. Grand Sire, dated New York, August 26th, from which the following extract is submitted:

"I arrived here on Saturday last, and hoped to visit Baltimore, but find I cannot go. I wish I could remain so as to visit the Grand Lodge once more, but I have to be in San Francisco on the 28th of September to take the steamer to the Islands, or I shall have to remain one month longer, which I am sorry to say, I cannot do. The Order at the Islands, I regret to say, is not so harmonious as I should wish. I have endeavored to allay all past differences, but a majority of Excelsior Lodge act unkindly to Harmony, and in the matter of rent of the hall will not reduce it, and that too after the very generous action of the Grand Lodge in regard to the hall; but I hope that soon all will be on good friendly terms again. Harmony Lodge is increasing in numbers, and so is Excelsior, and I hope to have two more Lodges organized during the present year. If we succeed we shall ask for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, and then the color question will be *settled.* I shall do all in my power to make matters more comfortable, and I hope the principles of the Order will be better carried out in the future. I inclose a resolution of Excelsior Lodge in regard to the hall, which I had intended to deliver in person."

The following is the document referred to:

Whereas, The G. L. of the I. O. O. F. was pleased, at its Session of 1878, to confirm the title of Excelsior Lodge in and to the property known as the Odd

Fellows' Hall, in Honolulu, (see Grand Lodge Journal, pp. 7848–9); now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Excelsior Lodge do hereby give expression to their sense of the liberality and fair dealing of the Grand Lodge; that this settlement of the question of title will go far to quiet the differences heretofore existing between the Lodges in this jurisdiction; that the members of Excelsior Lodge heartily thank the members of the Grand Lodge for their appreciation of the manner in which Excelsior Lodge has executed the trust committed to it in 1848, and assure the Grand Lodge of their intention to be true to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, to the end that harmony may prevail.

J. SAVIDGE, *P. G.*,
[SEAL.] W. L. HOPPER, *Rec. Sec.*,
J. O. CARTER, *P. G.*

GENERAL RETURNS.

Compiled from the reports of Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

	Year 1877.	Year 1878.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	48	50	2	.....
Subordinate Lodges	6,878	6,975	97	.....
Rebekah Degree Lodges	690	734	44	.....
Grand Encampments	39	39	.....	.....
Subordinate Enca'pments	1,835	1,863	28	.....
Lodge Initiations	36,087	33,860	.....	2,227
Lodge members	448,019	442,291	.....	5,728
Encampment members	84,787	82,408	.....	2,379
Relief by Lodges	$1,516,241 76	$1,553,726 70	$37,484 94	.....
Relief by Encampments	183,482 47	177,180 69	.....	$6,301 78
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	5,512 48	9,498 29	3,955 81	.....
Total relief	1,705 266 71	1,740 405 68	35,138 97	.....
Revenue of Lodges	3,961,900 72	3,814,126 98	.....	147,773 74
Revenue of Enc'mpments	431,828 05	415,934 22	.....	15,893 83
Revenue of Rebekah L'gs	29,323 08	36,925 32	7,602 24	.....
Total revenue	4,423,051 85	4,266,986 52	.....	156,065 33

The following is an exhibit of the operations, so far as can be ascertained, of the entire Order, including Australia, Germany, etc.,

FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1878:

Initiations	1,094,965
Members relieved	859,126
Widowed families relieved	115,127
Members deceased	81,648
Total relief	$27 468,286 36
Total receipts	73,504,918 00
Present membership	450,238

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, the recapitulation of the several returns upon which it is founded, at home and abroad, enables me to present Odd Fellowship as highly prosperous.

It is no longer experimental as an institution of beneficence in society, but by a long and unintermittent practice it has attained position among men as a great moral power in the community. It has for many years been subject to that test,

and has been adjudged worthy of the public support. Its numerous and varied jurisdictions at home and abroad, domestic as well as foreign, are reported to be doing well and to be advancing to great success. It is true that to some extent, the stringency of the times, which has retarded commerce all over the world, has interfered with its extraordinary growth and has had the effect to check its unexampled progress as a public beneficiary, yet Odd Fellowship has nevertheless continued by its ministrations in society, to be felt in mitigating the evils of the world which arise out of large populations and overcrowded communities, and the sufferings of humanity incident thereto.

The benevolence of the age, which the Order has greatly inspired, of which the times are characteristic, justify the opinion, that as a power for good in society it is an institution of large influence in the moral education and training of the masses, worthy of the fostering care of the community.

It is the experience of the world and the teaching of history, supplemented by careful observation, that of all the powers that exert a controlling influence upon society, none exceeds the "moral power." It gives to citizenship the highest incentive to character, which forms the basis and bulwark of society and supplies the general virtue and intelligence upon which the State most relies; it is the corner stone and foundation of all public sentiment and is so appreciated by all enlightened peoples. Odd Fellowship thus constituted, is an important organization not only in controlling the general sentiment, but in educating the popular feeling into a healthful tone. It is difficult therefore to estimate its value as a general educator of principles in directing healthy sentiment in all well trained communities. It exerts therefore its legitimate counsels in erecting, guiding, and enlightening all well ordered Governments, and thus largely contributes to the welfare and happiness of the people. It is in this light especially, that its form of government has had its structure, and to this great end, that it has chiefly been designed, as a great public benefactor.

How wisely its principles have been formed and its practice in conformity thereto applied, the experience of more than a half century as its records verify, will amply attest.

It is now pursuing the same career which it has occupied since its organization in 1819, and will continue to pursue a like mission for many years yet to come. Who can estimate the good it has accomplished by its persistent and noiseless work of love and mercy in all its many jurisdictions throughout the world? The inquiry is overwhelming and the answer to it simply impossible to adequately make; it fills us with amazement, like an echo from a vast canyon, reverberating in the American solitudes, striking us with awe and veneration by its mighty intonations; and this course has been going on unremittingly for nearly a hundred years. Such a continued labor of love among men challenges attention as a great moral power, working the welfare of society in manifold ways, but chiefly by its education in that channel and by sending out its contributions of a like character for the moral and physical wants of the million.

In what manner can larger benefit be conferred upon society? Vice and crime are every where rebuked and stamped out of existence by its ministrations, and high toned influence is imparted; thus true religion is inspired and differences of opinion tolerated and respected among men. Society is enlightened and trained under a proper education; the people become happy, industrious, thrifty, and liberty restrained by law is supremely triumphant.

We present Odd Fellowship in this garb before our fellow citizens after a period of more than a half century of trial, and claim for it the verdict of tolerant sentiment, free from all sect and prejudice.

JAS. L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Office of the G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'y,
Baltimore, September, 1879.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *on hand August* 31, 1878, *received and disposed of during the year, and on hand August* 31, 1879.

	Grand Lodge Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Encampment Institution Books.	Encampment Charge Books.	Lodge Institution. Books.	Lodge Public Installation Books. [Ger.]	Lodge Charge Books.	Degree Charge Books.	Degree Lodge Installation Books.	Rebekah Degree Books.	Reb.Deg.Ldg. Installation Books.	Book of Odes with Music.
On hand Aug. 31, 1878, per Jour., p. 7650	76	109	96	753	358	118	1,017	860	98	462	632	785
Received during the year.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	620	521	.....	255	.....	520
Total.....	76	109	96	753	358	118	1,637	1,381	98	717	632	1,305
Disposed of during the year.....	6	2	5	115	53	.....	764	466	5	458	65	932
On hand August 31, 1879.....	70	107	91	638	305	118	873	915	93	259	567	373

	Odes.	Cards.	Rebekah Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Rebekah Certificates.	Diplomas.	Book of Forms.	Funeral Service.	Anniversary Ceremony.	Bound Journals.	Digests.	Digest Additions 1871–1874.
On hand Aug. 31, 1878, per Jour., p. 7650	25,904	12,581	2,374	1,014	555	2,295	1,029	1,207	1,288	1,974	264	1,297
Received during the year.....	23,000	44,450	.....	3,000	.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	500	283	.....
Total.....	48,904	57,031	2,374	4,014	555	3,795	1,029	1,207	1,288	2,474	547	1,297
Disposed of during the year.....	23,422	48,571	938	1,117	318	2,742	352	573	286	* 568	376	† 316
On hand August 31, 1879.....	25,482	8,460	1,436	2,897	237	1,053	677	634	1,002	1,906	171	981

* 517 to Grand Representatives. † 285 used in Digests.

BALANCES, *September* 1, 1879.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
1	Stock	.....	$49,387 08
6	Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer	$11,495 17	.....
14	United States Bonds	8,000 00	.....
15	U. S. Bonds, Wildey Monument Fund	2,000 00	.....
15	U. S. Bonds, Surplus Relief Fund	1,000 00	.....
16	Grand Lodge Charge Books	36 40	.....
18	Grand Encampment Books	33 17	.....
21	Encampment Institution and Installation Books	20 93	.....
26	Encampment Charge Books	172 26	.....
33	Subordinate Lodge Institution and Installation Books	79 30	.....
39	Subordinate Lodge Public Installation Books	31 86	.....
46	Initiatory Charge Books	218 25	.....
56	Degree Charge Books	237 90	.....
62	Degree Lodge Installation Books	28 83	.....
68	Degree of Rebekah Charge Books	54 39	.....
75	Rebekah Degree Lodge Institution and Installation Books	141 75	.....
80	Lodge and Encampment Odes	382 23	.....
86	Book of Odes, with Music	74 60	.....
90	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	148 05	.....
99	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	28 72	.....
104	Dismissal Certificates	86 91	.....
107	Rebekah Certificates	18 96	.....
110	Diplomas	105 30	.....
116	Book of Forms	203 10	.....
119	Funeral Service	63 40	.....
121	Anniversary Ceremony	120 24	.....
123	Bound Journals	3,812 00	.....
132	Digests (to 1874)	333 45	.....
139	Supplemental Digests, (1871–4)	332 57	.....
142	Electrotype Plates	5,217 10	.....
146	Steel and Copper Plates	3,550 00	.....
148	Furniture and Fixtures	7,752 16	.....
154	Library	707 91	.....
158	Surplus Relief Fund	.....	976 50
159	J. Vansant, in trust for North Star Lodge, No. 2	108 00	.....
160	J. Vansant, Trustee W. M. Fund	727 26	.....
161	Wildey Monument Fund	.....	2,727 26
186	Grand Lodge Building	3,265 04	.....
193	Charles Betz	43 25	.....
200–7	District Deputy Grand Sires	85 46	.....
204	James H. Emslie	10 00	.....
206	William H. Barnes	19 62	.....
208	John W. Stokes	24 50	.....
222	Grand Encampment of Alabama	75 00	.....
226	Grand Lodge of Australia	109 40	.....
227	Grand Lodge of Australasia	58 60	.....
230	Grand Encampment of Arkansas	75 00	.....

BALANCES, *September* 1, 1879.—Continued.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
232	Grand Lodge of British Columbia	$100 88	.....
239	Grand Lodge of Chile	44 50	.....
242	Grand Encampment of Colorado	75 00	.....
268	Grand Lodge of the German Empire	11 12	.....
272	Grand Lodge of Idaho	.....	$30 00
293	Grand Lodge of Kentucky	150 00	.....
294	Grand Encampment of Kentucky	150 00	.....
326	Grand Encampment of Michigan	150 00	.....
334	Grand Encampment of Mississippi	75 00	.....
363	Grand Encampment of New York	150 00	.....
382	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania	150 00	.....
384	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	150 00	.....
386	Grand Lodge of Quebec	75 00	.....
394	Grand Lodge of New Zealand	25 07	.....
402	Grand Encampment of South Carolina	150 00	.....
409	Grand Lodge of Tennessee	150 00	.....
410	Grand Encampment of Tennessee	75 00	.....
414	Grand Encampment of Texas	150 00	.....
421	Grand Lodge of Vermont	.....	13 11
422	Grand Encampment of Vermont	75 00	.....
423	Grand Encampment of Victoria, (Australia)	15 00	.....
428	Grand Lodge of Washington	.....	35 62
440	Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona	74 84	.....
441	Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Arizona	30 00	.....
449	Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, Great Britain	108 25	.....
453	McAlister Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory	.....	1 00
454	North Star Lodge, No. 2, Manitoba	.....	108 00
455	Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Manitoba	43	.....
476	Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands	.....	1 00
484	Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Washington	.....	3 06
512	Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, Great Britain	44 50	.....
525	Milicete Encampment, No. 11, Lower Provinces	15 00	.....
		$53,282 63	$53,282 63

BALANCE SHEET. *R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

BALTIMORE, September 1, 1879.	Page.	Face of the Ledger.		Supplies.		Profit and Loss.		Stock.		Balances.	
		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock	1		$48,300 12						$48,300 12		
Cash	4	$40,033 00	40,033 00								
Interest	9	566 25	560 82			$5 43					
Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer.	13	49,466 49	37,971 32							$11,495 17	
United States Bonds	14	16,000 00	8,000 00							8,000 00	
U. S. Bonds, Wildey Mon. Fund	15	2,000 00								2,000 00	
U. S. Bonds, Surplus Relief	15	1,000 00								1,000 00	
Supplies, pp. 16–139		10,419 06	19,121 57	$10,419 06	$19.121 57						
Electrotype Plates	142	5,217 10								5,217 10	
Steel and Copper Plates	146	3,550 00								3,550 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	148	7,752 16								7,752 16	
Library	154	707 91								707 91	
Surplus Relief Fund	158	23 50	1,000 00								$976 50
J. Vansant, Trustee North Star Lge	159	108 00								108 00	
J Vansant, Trustee W. M. Fund	160	910 13	182 87							727 26	
Wildey Monument Fund	161	182 87	2,910 13								2,727 26
Annual Expenses	165	6,470 02	259 39			6,210 63					
Fifty-fourth Annual Session	172	21,184 65	207 67			20,976 98					
Representative Tax and Dues	177	340 51	13,087 43				$12,746 92				
Charters	180		70 00				70 00				
Grand Lodge Building	186	3,265 04								3,265 04	
Imperfect Books	187	4 00				4 00					
Individuals		2,838 99	2,656 16							182 83	
Grand Bodies		29,974 27	27,813 43							2,160 84	
Subordinates		2,691 67	2,531 71							159 96	
		$204,705 62	$204,705 62								
Supplies per Inventory.					6,764 57					6,764 57	
Profit				15,467 08			15,467 08				
				$25,886 14	$25,886 14						
Net Gain						1,086 96			1,086 96		
						$28,284 00	$28 284 00				
Capital								$49,387 08			
								$49,387 08	$49,387 08		
Assets										$53,090 84	
Liabilities											$3,703 76
Net Capital											49,387 08
										$53,090 84	$53,090 84

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge*
January 1 *to*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Members, Dec. 31, 1877.	ADD. Error in last report	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	Total.
Alabama	36	1,101	.....	88	24	29	1,242
Arkansas	60	1,533	.....	190	85	18	1,826
British Columbia	5	500	.....	28	2	5	535
California	264	20,729	.....	1,558	519	167	22,973
*Chile	8	399	.....	.....	.....	.....	399
Colorado	30	1,263	.....	232	90	26	1,611
Connecticut	52	6,257	.....	693	49	42	7,041
Dakota	15	426	.....	161	39	7	633
Delaware	32	2,318	.....	116	7	34	2,475
District Columbia	14	1,892	.....	68	7	23	1,990
Florida	11	338	.....	75	23	9	445
Georgia	42	1,963	.....	303	39	47	2,352
Illinois	581	26,042	.....	2,445	557	643	29,687
Indiana	529	25,146	38	1,467	504	402	27,557
Iowa	351	17,917	.....	1,543	458	162	20,080
Kansas	144	5,064	.....	699	354	74	6,191
Kentucky	210	9,800	.....	338	124	79	10,341
Louisiana	26	1,090	.....	103	27	32	1,252
Low. Prov. B.N.A.	29	1,871	.....	476	58	14	2,419
Maine	65	8,658	.....	954	124	46	9,782
Maryland	106	11,637	.....	359	50	85	12,131
Massachusetts	150	22,520	.....	1,808	225	86	24,639
Michigan	296	13,148	.....	1,585	320	331	15,384
Minnesota	60	3,007	.....	408	146	24	3,585
Mississippi	42	1,546	.....	105	85	48	1,784
Missouri	324	13,057	.....	991	222	197	14,467
Montana	10	274	3	45	36	5	363
Nebraska	69	2,437	.....	260	128	61	2,886
Nevada	29	1,975	.....	181	63	55	2,274
New Hampshire	58	7,033	17	539	94	41	7,724
New Jersey	175	14,054	.....	883	92	140	15,169
New York	470	38,632	.....	3,333	452	565	42,982
North Carolina	54	1,713	.....	143	12	40	1,908
Ohio	629	43,758	.....	2,479	708	409	47,354
Ontario	180	12,348	.....	1,659	171	78	14,256
Oregon	71	2,961	.....	304	170	48	3,483
Pennsylvania	905	85,361	.....	3,852	533	732	90,478
†Quebec	8	.....	.....	29	537	.....	566
Rhode Island	42	5,276	.....	232	6	19	5,533
South Carolina	15	612	.....	21	4	25	662
Switzerland	8	282	.....	40	5	.....	327
Tennessee	149	3,683	.....	276	64	141	4,164
Texas	157	4,687	.....	581	303	142	5,713
Utah	6	322	.....	47	9	4	382
Vermont	20	1,246	.....	111	23	29	1,409
Virginia	48	2,945	.....	123	4	58	3,130
‡Washington	14	.....	.....	.....	478	.....	478
West Virginia	85	4,283	.....	233	45	82	4,643
Wisconsin	264	13,492	.....	1,325	295	401	15,513
Wyoming	9	375	.....	49	6	11	441
	6,957	446,971	58	33,538	8,376	5,716	494,659

*No report received. †Instituted October 30, 1878. ‡Instituted November 26, 1878.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31, 1878.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.					Total	Members, Dec. 31, 1878.
	Error in last report	Withdra'n by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.		
Alabama	.....	24	105	2	16	147	1,095
Arkansas	.....	73	134	6	20	233	1,593
British Columbia	.....	5	29	.....	5	39	496
California	.....	451	1,024	55	240	1,770	21,203
*Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	399
Colorado	13	57	143	9	11	233	1,378
Connecticnt	.....	56	227	14	69	366	6,675
Dakota	.....	42	79	2	3	126	507
Delaware	.....	11	152	2	26	191	2,284
District Columbia	.....	18	156	1	24	199	1,791
Florida	.....	21	32	5	7	65	380
Georgia	.....	201	164	5	18	388	1,964
Illinois	.....	754	3,142	101	231	4,228	25,459
Indiana	.....	613	2,325	98	219	3,255	24,302
Iowa	.....	553	1,510	85	120	2,268	17,812
Kansas	.....	150	352	17	37	556	5,635
Kentucky	.....	146	1,023	12	83	1,264	9,077
Louisiana	.....	37	117	3	44	201	1,051
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	.....	72	163	3	15	253	2,166
Maine	.....	158	289	7	63	517	9,265
Maryland	.....	38	645	7	158	848	11,283
Massachusetts	.....	359	818	17	227	1,421	23,218
Michigan	.....	508	1,551	29	105	2,193	13,191
Minnesota	.....	115	254	11	21	401	3,184
Mississippi	.....	54	109	4	40	207	1,577
Missouri	.....	341	1,025	53	148	1,567	12,900
Montana	.....	10	22	.....	4	36	327
Nebraska	.....	73	220	9	18	320	2,566
Nevada	.....	62	178	4	27	271	2,003
New Hampshire	.....	127	176	3	48	354	7,370
New Jersey	.....	117	1,198	16	117	1,448	13,721
New York	.....	802	3,517	54	449	4,822	38,160
North Carolina	.....	45	263	1	16	325	1,583
Ohio	40	986	2,692	155	386	4,259	43,095
Ontario	.....	368	1,342	33	79	1,822	12,434
Oregon	.....	425	159	8	23	615	2,868
Pennsylvania	.....	721	8,694	82	863	10,360	80,118
†Quebec	.....	8	13	.....	1	22	544
Rhode Island	.....	31	357	4	40	432	5,101
South Carolina	.....	12	58	2	5	77	585
Switzerland	.....	18	1	9	5	33	294
Tennessee	.....	139	537	27	114	817	3,347
Texas	.....	284	780	25	62	1,151	4,562
Utah	.....	14	30	2	1	47	335
Vermont	14	40	76	.....	10	140	1,269
Virginia	.....	32	225	8	33	298	2,832
‡Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	478
West Virginia	.....	60	527	3	20	610	4,033
Wisconsin	.....	443	1,055	31	94	1,623	13,890
Wyoming	.....	27	71	1	3	102	339
	67	9,701	37,759	1,025	4,368	52,920	441,739

*No report received. †Instituted October 30, 1878. ‡Instituted November 26, 1878.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge*
January 1 *to December*

JURISDICTION.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. widowed families rel'd.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama	86	409	25	16	$1,262 60	$388 00
Arkansas	114	343	9	20	1,272 80	220 50
British Columbia	69	316	1	5	3,836 50	60 00
California	2,412	13,775	233	240	121,537 04	18,402 78
*Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	105	427	7	11	2,950 00	115 05
Connecticut	537	4,460	23	69	17,957 58	428 35
Dakota	31	80	2	3	463 32	5 00
Delaware	255	1,676	35	26	7,461 09	457 90
District Columbia	286	1,376	61	24	5,504 00	1,785 00
Florida	42	172	8	7	517 65	152 00
Georgia	128	483	20	18	2,186 50	2,062 21
Illinois	2,261	8,261	299	231	34,187 78	5,322 34
Indiana	2,699	10,455	363	219	46,170 88	5,655 34
Iowa	1,108	4,656	85	120	18,273 81	2,610 66
Kansas	314	1,482	36	37	5,657 00	556 96
Kentucky	884	3,820	247	83	17,119 65	4,372 84
Louisiana	135	490	49	44	2,782 20	833 30
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	131	529	21	15	1,543 54	351 92
Maine	641	6,029	27	63	25,505 31	732 82
Maryland	1,841	14,172	170	158	41,216 15	18,980 80
Massachusetts	1,857	10,077	555	227	41,815 70	5,859 41
Michigan	468	1,687	70	105	7,948 61	1,800 75
Minnesota	163	697	16	21	3,150 78	237 85
Mississippi	121	310	30	40	1,795 70	586 75
Missouri	1,602	5,707	378	148	23,768 00	8,737 75
Montana	26	142	1	4	858 25	25 00
Nebraska	134	436	10	18	1,778 91	214 00
Nevada	198	790	14	27	8,915 26	973 75
New Hampshire	582	3,477	20	48	13,965 47	623 70
New Jersey	1,549	13,065	154	117	50,477 61	3,290 80
New York	2,784	19,899	472	449	109,277 42	13,864 52
North Carolina	81	211	4	16	790 00	86 00
Ohio	3,724	23,191	480	386	81,813 99	8,784 90
Ontario	1,072	4,519	150	79	12,203 52	5,340 26
Oregon	341	2,106	18	23	10,530 55	890 00
Pennsylvania	10,879	64,617	1,528	863	263,096 61	12,550 04
Quebec	9	41	2	1	186 50	55 00
Rhode Island	294	3,103	27	40	11,467 39	265 00
South Carolina	26	103	9	5	524 00	128 00
Switzerland	8	134	5	5	312 00	1,800 00
Tennessee	424	1,821	212	114	7,282 56	8,113 20
Texas	477	1,218	24	62	5,269 51	666 71
Utah	33	152	1	1	1,137 55	9 25
Vermont	37	278	4	10	728 88	47 00
Virginia	491	2,117	107	33	8,173 00	2,793 00
Washington	28	63	2	.....	588 00	110 00
West Virginia	381	1,416	39	20	6,737 73	419 29
Wisconsin	612	2,540	101	94	11,251 53	3,262 84
Wyoming	23	109	1	3	540 80	10 00
	42,503	237,437	6,155	4,368	$1,043,791 23	$145,038 54

*No report received.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31, 1878.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama....	$75 45	$652 50	$652 00	$3,030 55	$8,263 72
Arkansas....	.....	681 00	818 35	2,992 65	11,617 90
B. Columbia	.....	290 00	110 00	4,296 50	10,872 73
California...	761 80	18,798 01	23,427 54	182,927 17	448,181 15
*Chile.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	.....	394 00	.....	3,459 05	17,701 02
Connecticut.	20 00	5,851 05	3,240 11	27,497 09	65,404 57
Dakota.....	.....	53 50	340 66	862 48	6,363 31
Delaware....	.....	2,815 00	480 70	11,214 69	23,265 09
D. Columbia	753 45	1,074 29	226 75	9,343 49	19,075 27
Florida.....	20 00	209 29	176 50	1,075 44	4,184 99
Georgia.....	103 90	503 00	.....	4,855 61	12,732 72
Illinois.....	299 00	8,551 47	8,257 74	56,618 33	207,557 91
Indiana.....	1,121 97	12,714 88	6,448 04	72,111 11	213,365 66
Iowa.....	40 40	3,991 91	2,618 43	27,535 21	86,189 46
Kansas.....	4 00	1,292 85	2,290 36	9,801 17	41,798 08
Kentucky...	491 37	4,019 57	3,824 58	29,828 01	49,525 62
Louisiana...	78 00	1,599 65	.....	5,293 15	13,412 72
L.Prov.B.N.A.	.....	677 63	877 50	3,450 59	13,154 62
Maine.....	144 40	2,165 95	.....	28,548 48	60,188 85
Maryland...	931 19	8,773 27	2,922 39	72,823 80	98,233 13
Massachu'ts.	88 00	9,557 44	7,273 00	64,593 55	197,869 77
Michigan....	1,330 00	3,072 36	1,991 03	16,142 75	68,592 09
Minnesota...	.....	770 30	1,141 18	5,300 11	28,472 72
Mississippi..	14 00	777 00	.....	3,173 45	9,649 61
Missouri.....	4,777 25	6,309 00	.....	43,592 00	81,068 65
Montana....	.....	125 00	180 00	1,188 25	5,208 98
Nebraska....	.....	530 00	460 40	2,983 31	19,012 36
Nevada.....	.....	2,703 74	1,432 00	14,024 75	58,159 10
N. Hamp....	.....	2,614 20	648 15	17,851 52	50,867 21
New Jersey.	581 81	9,319 08	.....	63,669 30	86,822 04
New York...	663 35	38,915 90	.....	162,721 19	327,968 59
N. Carolina.	53 50	303 45	.....	1,232 95	7,957 69
Ohio.....	158 06	14,158 41	10,134 17	115,049 53	306,512 67
Ontario.....	.....	2,420 58	3,153 59	23,117 95	104,374 10
Oregon.....	16 75	1,434 15	1,225 45	14,096 90	51,888 09
Pennsyl'nia	369 23	67,708 70	.....	343,724 58	663,761 06
Quebec.....	.....	.....	29 28	270 78	1,050 70
Rh. Island...	.....	2,075 00	4,016 33	17,823 72	68,442 71
S. Carolina..	34 50	110 00	.....	796 50	2,267 54
Switzerland.	.....	46 00	36 00	2,194 00	2,770 00
Tennessee...	1,006 90	2,751 13	612 00	19,765 79	30,243 18
Texas.....	295 45	2,157 40	.....	8,389 07	46,059 19
Utah.....	.....	55 70	590 00	1,792 50	7,101 86
Vermont....	.....	391 50	25 00	1,192 38	6,020 74
Virginia.....	201 00	2,036 00	730 00	13,933 00	25,024 00
Washington	.....	.....	143 00	841 00	8,077 53
W. Virginia	295 60	2,745 41	407 00	10,605 03	23,478 25
Wisconsin...	25 00	4,639 44	3,262 17	22,440 98	91,112 59
Wyoming...	.....	144 48	.....	695 28	5,123 52
	$14,755 33	$252,980 19	$94,201 40	$1,550,766 69	$3,796,045 06

*No report received.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the* 31, 1878, *and names and location of Lodges instituted*

LODGES.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1877.	ADD. Error in last report	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	Total.
ARIZONA.							
*Arizona.....No. 1	Prescott.....	35	.....	11	7	.....	53
†Phœnix..... " 2	Phœnix.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.							
‡Denmark.....No. 1	Copenhagen.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.							
⸙Thomas Wildey.....No. 1	London, England...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖ IDAHO.							
INDIAN TERRITORY.							
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	24	.....	7	.....	.....	31
Tishomingo..... " 2	Tishomingo.....	19	.....	3	2	.....	24
McAlister..... " 3	McAlister.....	20	.....	5	1	.....	26
¶Erin Springs..... " 4	Erin Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
Manitoba.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	51	.....	7	2	.....	60
⸙North Star..... " 2	Winnipeg.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.							
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam, Holl'nd	26	4	22	.....	.....	52
**Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam, Holl'nd	.....	.....	56	9	.....	65
NEW MEXICO.							
Paradise.....No. 2	Santa Fe.....	47	.....	5	2	1	55
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....	32	.....	12	.....	.....	44
Callao..... " 2	Callao.....	20	.....	5	2	1	28
Fortschritt..... " 3	Lima.....	17	.....	9	1	.....	27
Chalaco..... " 4	Callao.....	41	.....	27	.....	.....	68
QUEBEC, CANADA.							
Mount Royal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	116	.....	19	.....	6	141
St. Lawrence..... " 2	Montreal.....	42	.....	1	.....	1	44
Mizpah..... " 3	Montreal.....	140	.....	14	.....	4	158
Duke of Edinburgh " 4	Montreal.....	50	.....	5	1	.....	56
Albert..... " 5	Montreal.....	47	.....	8	1	1	57
Beaver..... " 6	Montreal.....	40	.....	14	.....	.....	54
Pioneer..... " 7	Richmond.....	41	.....	13	.....	.....	54
Unity..... " 8	Sherbrooke.....	29	.....	14	.....	.....	43
Provincial Degree... " 1	Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	67	.....	4	1	1	73
Harmony..... " 3	Honolulu.....	28	1	4	2	.....	35
WASHINGTON.							
‖Lodges.....Nos. 1 to 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle.....No. 8	New Castle.....	29	.....	4	.....	.....	33
Mount Baker..... " 9	Port Townsend.....	21	.....	6	1	.....	28
Patit..... " 10	Dayton.....	35	.....	2	7	.....	44
**Ranier..... " 11	New Tacoma.....	.....	.....	10	13	.....	23
**Snohomish ..... " 12	Snohomish.....	.....	.....	8	8	.....	16
**Friendship..... " 13	Port Gamble.....	.....	.....	20	6	.....	26
**Colfax ..... " 14	Colfax.....	.....	.....	7	18	.....	25
		1,048	5	322	84	15	1,474
Subordinates in Quebec and Washington transferred to G. Lodges,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,048	5	322	84	15	1,474

*Report is for two years. †Instituted July 26, 1879. ‡Transferred to G. L. of the G. Empire. ⸙Charter surrendered. ‖Reported to G. L. of Oregon. ¶No report rec'd. **First report.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 *to December between September* 1, 1878, *and September* 1, 1879.

LODGES.	LOCATION.	DEDUCT. Withd'wn by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1878.	Past Grands.
ARIZONA.								
*Arizona.....No. 1	Prescott.....	2	16	...	...	18	35	7
†Phœnix..... " 2	Phœnix.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.								
‡Denmark.....No. 1	Copenhagen.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.								
¿Thomas Wildey.....No. 1	London, England...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
‖ IDAHO.								
INDIAN TERRITORY.								
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	1	2	...	...	3	28	4
Tishomingo..... " 2	Tishomingo.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	24	3
McAlister..... " 3	McAlister.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	26	2
¶Erin Springs..... " 4	Erin Springs.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.								
Manitoba.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	3	24	...	...	27	33	6
¿North Star..... " 2	Winnipeg,.....	11	20	...	...	31	.....	.....
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.								
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam, Holl'nd	5	3	...	1	9	43	3
**Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam, Holl'nd	.....	.....	...	...	.....	65	1
NEW MEXICO.								
Paradise.....No. 2	Santa Fe.....	3	5	...	2	10	45	10
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.								
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....	6	.....	...	...	6	38	2
Callao..... " 2	Callao.....	3	.....	...	...	3	25	3
Fortschritt..... " 3	Lima.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	27	2
Chalaco..... " 4	Callao.....	.....	2	...	3	5	63	3
QUEBEC, CANADA.								
Mount Royal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	.....	22	...	...	22	119	12
St. Lawrence..... " 2	Montreal.....	1	4	...	1	6	38	5
Mizpah..... " 3	Montreal.....	3	14	...	2	19	139	7
Duke of Edinburgh " 4	Montreal.....	4	9	...	...	13	43	8
Albert..... " 5	Montreal.....	6	1	...	1	8	49	6
Beaver..... " 6	Montreal.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	54	3
Pioneer..... " 7	Richmond.....	1	.....	...	1	2	52	2
Unity..... " 8	Sherbrooke.....	.....	1	...	...	1	42	2
Provincial Degree... " 1	Montreal.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.								
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	2	2	1	2	7	66	20
Harmony..... " 3	Honolulu.....	1	.....	...	...	1	34	6
WASHINGTON.								
‖Lodges.....Nos. 1 to 7	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
New Castle.....No. 8	New Castle.....	1	2	...	...	3	30	2
Mount Baker..... " 9	Port Townsend.....	1	.....	...	...	1	27	3
Patit..... " 10	Dayton.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	44	8
**Ranier..... " 11	New Tacoma.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	23	5
**Snohomish..... " 12	Snohomish.....	1	.....	...	...	1	15	1
**Friendship..... " 13	Port Gamble.....	1	.....	...	...	1	25	1
**Colfax..... " 14	Colfax.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	25	6
Subordinates in Quebec and Washington transferred to G. Lodges,	.....	56	127	1	13	197	1,277	143
		725	.....	...	...	725	725	71
		781	127	1	13	922	552	72

*Report is for two years. †Instituted July 26, 1879. ‡Transferred to G. L. of the G. Empire. ¿Charter surrendered. ‖Reported to G. L. of Oregon. ¶No report rec'd. **First report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the* 31, 1878, *and names of Lodges instituted between*

LODGES.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. widowed families rel'd.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
ARIZONA.						
*Arizona.....No. 1	6	16	.....	.....	$156 00	.....
†Phœnix..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.						
‡Denmark.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¿IDAHO.						
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Caddo.....No. 1	1	2	.....	.....	6 00	.....
Tishomingo..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McAlister..... " 3	6	26	.....	.....	122 00	.....
‖Erin Springs..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
Manitoba.....No. 1	1	9	1	.....	45 00	$40 00
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.						
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
¶Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
Paradise.....No. 2	.....	.....	1	2	....	11 90
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Lima.....No. 1	4	7	.....	.....	62 00	.....
Callao..... " 2	1	5	.....	.....	50 00	.....
Fortschritt..... " 3	1	2	.....	.....	16 00	.....
Chalaco..... " 4	1	6	1	3	60 00	60 00
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
Mount Royal.....No. 1	6	19	.....	.....	91 26	.....
St. Lawrence..... " 2	1	6	.....	1	30 00	.....
Mizpah..... " 3	7	44	.....	2	220 50	.....
Duke of Edinburgh " 4	2	28	.....	.....	129 00	.....
Albert..... " 5	.....	.....	1	1	.....	25 00
Beaver..... " 6	4	51	.....	.....	254 50	.....
Pioneer..... " 7	7	17	1	1	73 50	30 00
Unity..... " 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Excelsior.....No. 1	6	17	2	2	119 00	193 25
Harmony..... " 3	1	2	... ...	.....	10 00	.....
WASHINGTON.						
¿Lodges.....Nos. 1 to 7	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle.....No. 8	2	7	.....	.....	47 00	.....
Mount Baker..... " 9	1	.....	.....	.....	32 00	.....
Patit..... " 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Ranier..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Snohomish..... " 12	1	6	.....	.....	48 00	.....
¶Friendship..... " 13	1	1	.....	.....	8 00	.....
¶Colfax..... " 14	1	1	.....	.....	5 00	.....
	61	272	7	13	$1,584 76	$360 15

*Report is for two years. †No report due. ‡Reported to G. L. of the German Empire. ¿Reported to G. L. of Oregon. ‖No report received. ¶First report.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 *to December September* 1, 1878, *and September* 1, 1879.—Continued.

LODGES.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ARIZONA.					
*Arizona.....No. 1	.....	.....	$100 00	$256 00	$1,344 66
†Phœnix..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.					
‡Denmark.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
§ IDAHO.					
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Caddo.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	6 00	292 25
Tishomingo..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 40
McAlister..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	122 00	226 15
‖Erin Springs..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
Manitoba .....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	85 00	382 32
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.					
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	$9 62	.....	9 62	539 61
¶Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,157 42
NEW MEXICO.					
Paradise.....No. 2	$6 00	.....	.....	17 90	630 50
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
Lima.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	62 00	1,073 89
Callao..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	50 00	793 30
Fortschritt..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	16 00	847 50
Chalaco..... " 4	113 90	328 15	.....	562 05	2,192 33
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
Mount Royal.....No. 1	.....	.....	31 00	122 26	662 25
St. Lawrence..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	30 00	117 75
Mizpah..... " 3	.....	73 43	20 00	313 93	761 75
Duke of Edinburgh " 4	.....	.....	.....	129 00	221 67
Albert..... " 5	.....	50 00	.....	75 00	266 35
Beaver..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	254 50	351 72
Pioneer..... " 7	.....	40 00	.....	143 50	407 25
Unity..... " 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	435 25
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Excelsior.....No. 1	.....	93 00	50 00	455 25	946 00
Harmony..... " 3	.....	.....	50 00	60 00	622 25
WASHINGTON.					
§Lodges.....Nos. 1 to 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle.....No. 8	.....	.....	25 00	72 00	467 50
Mount Baker..... " 9	.....	.....	.....	32 00	427 90
Patit..... " 10	.....	.....	25 00	25 00	385 50
¶Ranier..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	467 50
¶Snohomish..... " 12	.....	.....	.....	48 00	388 95
¶Friendship..... " 13	.....	.....	.....	8 00	1,006 50
¶Colfax..... " 14	.....	.....	.....	5 00	455 50
	$119 90	$594 20	$301 00	$2,960 01	$18,081 92

*Report is for two years. †No report due. ‡Reported to the G. L. of the German Empire. §Reported to G. L. of Oregon. ‖No report received. ¶First report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand*
January 1 *to*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Encampments.	Members, Dec. 31, 1877.	ADD. Error in last report	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated	Total.
Alabama	9	155	.....	11	1	5	172
Arkansas	7	124	.....	8	.....	.....	132
California	62	3,601	.....	225	48	19	3,893
Colorado	14	320	.....	60	23	3	406
Connecticut	20	1,763	.....	157	5	14	1,939
Delaware	9	383	.....	16	1	5	405
District Columbia	3	481	.....	22	9	5	517
Georgia	13	470	.....	40	2	1	513
Illinois	175	5,252	.....	327	123	71	5,773
Indiana	141	5,545	.....	206	48	63	5,862
Iowa	96	3,165	.....	241	36	14	3,456
Kansas	26	771	.....	83	15	5	874
Kentucky	53	2,308	.....	50	7	4	2,369
Louisiana	5	168	.....	10	1	4	183
Maine	27	2,724	.....	140	13	4	2,881
Maryland	29	1,934	.....	75	3	6	2,018
Massachusetts	44	6,078	.....	324	14	11	6,427
Michigan	80	2,361	.....	163	12	31	2,567
Minnesota	17	511	.....	65	21	2	599
Mississippi	16	304	.....	18	2	4	328
Missouri	73	1,850	.....	128	8	81	2,067
Nebraska	10	293	.....	28	3	2	326
Nevada	10	412	.....	54	5	2	473
New Hampshire	24	2,154	1	111	4	7	2,277
New Jersey	46	2,342	.....	123	10	28	2,503
New York	94	5,033	.....	437	63	47	5,580
North Carolina	14	229	.....	25	2	5	261
Ohio	202	10,849	.....	504	91	90	11,534
Ontario	44	1,845	.....	260	37	12	2,154
Oregon	15	448	.....	52	13	2	515
Pennsylvania	211	13,283	.....	510	67	48	13,908
Rhode Island	18	1,446	.....	47	16	2	1,511
*South Carolina	5	258	.....	.....	.....	.....	258
Tennessee	36	512	.....	21	5	12	550
Texas	78	1,004	.....	157	16	37	1,214
Vermont	9	322	.....	28	.....	2	352
Virginia	17	655	.....	33	.....	4	692
West Virginia	27	780	.....	17	.....	5	802
Wisconsin	63	2,031	.....	173	24	24	2,252
	1,842	84,164	1	4,949	748	681	90,543

*No report received.

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31, 1878.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members, Dec. 31, 1878.
	Error in last report.	Withdra'n by card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama	.....	2	24	.....	5	31	141
Arkansas	.....	1	2	.....	1	4	128
California	.....	71	137	6	43	257	3,636
Colorado	.....	9	16	1	.....	26	380
Connecticut	.....	9	112	5	20	146	1,793
Delaware	.....	1	51	1	1	54	351
District Columbia	.....	2	57	.....	2	61	456
Georgia	50	11	11	.....	2	74	439
Illinois	.....	97	557	19	37	710	5,063
Indiana	.....	43	408	5	42	498	5,364
Iowa	.....	71	166	11	20	268	3,188
Kansas	.....	6	47	.....	9	62	812
Kentucky	.....	16	145	1	13	175	2,194
Louisiana	.....	3	13	.....	8	24	159
Maine	.....	17	57	4	14	92	2,789
Maryland	.....	5	86	1	29	121	1,897
Massachusetts	.....	75	257	1	58	391	6,036
Michigan	.....	44	267	2	13	326	2,241
Minnesota	.....	12	46	1	4	63	536
Mississippi	.....	11	15	1	8	35	293
Missouri	.....	28	203	3	27	261	1,806
Nebraska	.....	15	14	.....	5	34	292
Nevada	.....	7	26	.....	5	38	435
New Hampshire	.....	14	56	1	14	85	2,192
New Jersey	.....	30	199	2	21	252	2,251
New York	.....	49	535	2	58	644	4,936
North Carolina	.....	9	23	.....	6	38	223
Ohio	.....	117	777	27	119	1,040	10,494
Ontario	.....	44	230	2	12	288	1,866
Oregon	.....	8	20	3	5	36	479
Pennsylvania	.....	50	1,410	7	152	1,619	12,289
Rhode Island	.....	24	98	2	10	134	1,377
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	258
Tennessee	.....	27	76	4	17	124	426
Texas	87	27	46	4	13	177	1,037
Vermont	.....	8	16	.....	4	28	324
Virginia	.....	11	41	1	9	62	630
West Virginia	.....	10	90	1	4	105	697
Wisconsin	.....	100	178	2	23	303	1,949
	137	1,084	6,512	120	833	8,686	81,857

*No report received.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand*
January 1 *to December*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama	7	23	.....	5	$76 00	.....
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
California	357	2,181	13	43	15,205 45	$409 00
Colorado	21	46	.....	.....	117 00	.....
Connecticut	125	1,079	.....	20	1,578 00	.....
Delaware	21	245	.....	1	747 00	.....
District Columbia	35	214	4	2	642 50	207 00
Georgia	14	63	.....	2	184 00	.....
Illinois	341	1,018	6	37	3,232 50	334 50
Indiana	546	2,239	16	42	7,584 76	257 50
Iowa	131	618	2	20	1,145 00	16 00
Kansas	36	102	.....	9	352 00	.....
Kentucky	146	578	16	13	2,354 50	50 00
Louisiana	17	54	1	8	158 50	10 00
Maine	158	1,651	.....	14	7,086 00	.....
Maryland	261	3,184	28	29	5,290 85	3,086 00
Massachusetts	348	2,059	1	58	6,128 15	10 09
Michigan	23	137	1	13	602 85	5 00
Minnesota	8	61	.....	4	246 25	.....
Mississippi	15	51	.....	8	227 00	.....
Missouri	120	407	3	27	1,197 80	30 00
Nebraska	4	12	.....	5	36 00	.....
Nevada	24	248	.....	5	494 29	.....
New Hampshire	165	1,073	1	14	1,730 72	25 00
New Jersey	244	1,992	.....	21	5,617 90	.....
New York	128	1,811	14	58	6,160 33	459 50
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
*Ohio	1,081	.....	12	119	25,521 75	191 91
Ontario	107	403	6	12	507 16	43 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	1,705	12,427	33	152	44,418 61	760 94
Rhode Island	58	513	2	10	1,716 79	29 00
†South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	34	96	19	17	582 00	237 50
Texas	39	115	1	13	322 30	12 00
*Vermont	.....	.....	.....	4	70 60	.....
Virginia	64	233	4	9	458 00	95 50
West Virginia	57	196	.....	4	679 00	.....
Wisconsin	20	37	5	23	180 90	64 00
	6,460	35,166	188	833	$142,652 46	$6,333 35

*Report imperfect. †No report received.

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31, 1878.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama	.....	$30 00	.....	$106 00	$469 05
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	450 00
California	$30 00	1,559 15	$2,163 00	19,366 60	42,841 94
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	117 00	2,145 90
Connecticut	.....	395 00	.....	1,973 00	6,764 00
Delaware	.....	.....	20 00	767 00	2,402 09
District Columbia	.....	80 00	60 00	989 50	2,414 49
Georgia	.....	20 00	.....	204 00	1,259 00
Illinois	.....	369 75	.....	3,936 75	15,150 50
Indiana	.....	1,355 00	193 74	9,391 00	20,803 67
Iowa	.....	271 50	.....	1,432 50	6,988 17
Kansas	.....	160 00	.....	512 00	3,248 50
Kentucky	.....	447 15	315 30	3,166 95	5,496 55
Louisiana	.....	40 00	.....	208 50	895 40
Maine	.....	135 00	.....	7,221 00	11,992 53
Maryland	.....	1,390 15	.....	9,767 00	11,873 23
Massachusetts	.....	1,202 50	328 00	7,668 65	28,641 82
Michigan	.....	148 00	.....	755 85	5,201 21
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	246 25	2,101 79
Mississippi	.....	90 00	.....	317 00	871 85
Missouri	.....	172 50	.....	1,400 30	5,562 05
Nebraska	.....	.....	50 00	86 00	1,391 78
Nevada	.....	150 00	140 00	784 29	5,554 60
New Hampshire	.....	225 00	30 00	2,010 72	6,096 31
New Jersey	.....	765 45	.....	6,383 35	11,411 31
New York	80 00	2,072 45	.....	8,772 28	22,210 40
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	584 04
*Ohio	.....	2,863 08	.....	28,576 74	64,120 29
Ontario	.....	80 00	57 50	687 66	6,500 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,762 48
Pennsylvania	10 00	8,552 35	.....	53,741 90	88,562 58
Rhode Island	.....	130 00	344 13	2,219 92	6,564 41
†South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	380 75	.....	1,200 25	2,687 15
Texas	.....	128 50	80 00	542 80	4,664 07
*Vermont	.....	80 00	.....	150 60	837 41
Virginia	.....	94 00	.....	647 50	1,965 48
West Virginia	.....	160 00	10 00	849 00	2,243 88
Wisconsin	.....	340 93	.....	585 83	4,863 16
	$120 00	$23,888 21	$3,791 67	$176,785 69	$412,593 09

*Report imperfect. †No report received.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand*
January 1 *to*

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1877.	ADD. Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	Total.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
*Vancouver.....No. 1	Victoria.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
*Harmony..... " 2	New Westminster.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.						
†Southern Watch.....No. 1	Valparaiso.....	33	.....	.....	.....	33
DAKOTA.						
Royal Purple.....No. 1	Sioux Falls.....	15	.....	.....	.....	15
Yankton..... " 2	Yankton.....	34	6	2	1	43
Hesperian..... " 3	Elk Point.....	16	.....	.....	.....	16
FLORIDA.						
Florida.....No. 1	Jacksonville.....	18	3	.....	1	22
Aucilla..... " 2	Tallahassee.....	26	2	.....	.....	28
Excelsior..... " 4	Pensacola.....	21	1	.....	.....	22
Key West..... " 5	Key West.....	42	7	.....	.....	49
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.						
†Anglo American.....No. 1	London, England.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.						
Idaho.....No. 1	Boise City.....	17	8	.....	.....	25
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.						
Stuart.....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....	27	6	.....	.....	33
‡Milicete..... " 11	St. John, N. B.....	65	.....	.....	.....	65
Halifax..... " 12	Halifax, N. S.....	21	4	.....	.....	25
Port La Joie..... " 13	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	32	1	1	.....	34
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
‡Harmony.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	14	4	.....	.....	18
MONTANA.						
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	Helena.....	29	2	1	2	34
Golden Star..... " 2	Deer Lodge City.....	15	6	.....	.....	21
NEW MEXICO.						
Centennial.....No. 3	Santa Fe.....	20	1	.....	.....	21
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Atahualpa.....No. 1	Lima.....	19	7	.....	.....	26
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
§Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	74	.....	.....	.....	74
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	26	5	1	.....	32
UTAH.						
‖Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
*Alpha.....No. 1	Olympia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity..... " 2	Seattle.....	17	4	2	.....	23
WYOMING						
Wyoming.....No. 1	Laramie.....	21	7	1	2	31
Hope..... " 2	Cheyenne.....	21	1	.....	.....	22
		623	75	8	6	712
§Montreal Encampment transferred to G. E. of Ontario.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		623	75	8	6	712

*Reported to G. E. of Oregon. †Charter surrendered. ‡Report is for two years. §Transferred to G. E. of Ontario. ‖Reported to G. E. of California.

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31, 1878.

ENCAMPMENTS.	DEDUCT. Withd'wn by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1878.	Past Chief Patriarchs.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.							
*Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.							
†Southern Watch.....No. 1	.....	33	.....	.....	33	.....	.....
DAKOTA.							
Royal Purple.....No. 1	.....	5	.....	.....	5	10	3
Yankton..... " 2	.....	12	.....	.....	12	31	6
Hesperian..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	4
FLORIDA.							
Florida.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	4
Aucilla..... " 2	1	.....	.....	2	3	25	10
Excelsior..... " 4	.....	1	.....	.....	1	21	9
Key West..... " 5	.....	3	.....	.....	3	46	5
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.							
†Anglo American.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.							
Idaho.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	5
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.							
Stuart.....No. 10	1	.....	.....	.....	1	32	7
‡Milicete..... " 11	.....	8	.....	1	9	56	3
Halifax..... " 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	2
Port La Joie..... " 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	3
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
‡Harmony.....No. 1	.....	8	.....	1	9	9	2
MONTANA.							
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	.....	2	.....	.....	2	32	9
Golden Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	5
NEW MEXICO.							
Centennial.....No. 3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	20	2
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	1
QUEBEC, CANADA.							
⁇Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Polynesia.....No. 1	2	.....	.....	.....	2	30	8
UTAH.							
‖Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.							
*Alpha.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity..... " 2	3	.....	.....	.....	3	20	3
WYOMING.							
Wyoming.....No. 1	1	2	.....	.....	3	28	8
Hope..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	7
⁇Montreal Encampment transferred to G. E. of Ontario.	8 74	74	.....	5	87 74	625 74	106 .....
	82	74	.....	5	161	551	106

*Reported to G. E. of Oregon. †Charter surrendered. ‡Report is for two years. ⁇Transferred to G. E. of Ontario. ‖Reported to G. E. of California.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand*
January 1 *to December*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
*Vancouver ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.						
Royal Purple ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yankton ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hesperian ..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FLORIDA.						
Florida ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aucilla ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Excelsior ..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Key West ..... " 5	1	2	.....	.....	$2 00	.....
IDAHO.						
Idaho ..... No. 1	1	10	.....	.....	50 00	.....
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.						
Stuart ..... No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Milicete ..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Halifax ..... " 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port La Joie ..... " 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
†Harmony ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
MONTANA.						
Rocky Mountain ..... No. 1	2	5	.....	.....	35 00	.....
Golden Star ..... " 2	1	1	.....	.....	5 00	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
Centennial ..... No. 3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Atahualpa ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
Montreal ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia ..... No. 1	2	12	.....	.....	59 00	.....
UTAH.						
‡Oquirrh ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
*Alpha ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity ..... " 2	1	23	.....	.....	92 00	.....
WYOMING.						
Wyoming ..... No. 1	1	5	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Hope ..... " 2	1	27	.....	.....	82 00	.....
	10	85	.....	5	$350 00	.....

*Reported to G. E. of Oregon. †Report is for two years. ‡Reported to G. E. of California.

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31, 1878.—Continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.					
*Vancouver ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.					
Royal Purple ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	$20 25
Yankton ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	151 05
Hesperian ..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 00
FLORIDA.					
Florida ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 95
Aucilla ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 85
Excelsior ..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 00
Key West ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	189 05
IDAHO.					
Idaho ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	50 00	299 25
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.					
Stuart ..... No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	73 28
†Milicete ..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00
Halifax ..... " 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 50
Port La Joie ..... " 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 35
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
†Harmony ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 50
MONTANA.					
Rocky Mountain ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	35 00	331 90
Golden Star ..... " 2	.....	.....	$20 00	25 00	274 00
NEW MEXICO.					
Centennial ..... No. 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 00
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
Atahualpa ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	279 00
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
Montreal ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Polynesia ..... No. 1	.....	.....	25 00	84 00	362 75
UTAH.					
‡Oquirrh ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.					
*Alpha ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	92 00	141 50
WYOMING.					
Wyoming ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	25 00	277 20
Hope ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	82 00	123 75
	.....	.....	$45 00	$395 00	$3,341 13

*Reported to G. E. of Oregon. †Report is for two years. ‡Reported to G. E. of California.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge*
January 1 *to*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Degree conferred on				Members Dec. 31, 1877.		Admitted during year		Total.	
		Brothers.	Wives of brothers.	Widows.	Daughters	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Alabama.....	5	14	10	...	2	65	58	14	12	79	70
California....	41	198	139	...	...	863	837	261	264	1,124	1,101
*Colorado	.....	.....	.....	...	...	100	66	.....	.....	100	66
Connecticut..	14	95	73	2	...	1,036	821	95	75	1,131	896
Delaware	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	15	8	15	8
D. Columbia.	1	2	6	...	...	13	54	2	4	15	58
Georgia.....	1	4	7	1	...	58	30	4	8	62	38
Illinois	45	55	42	4	2	1,040	984	89	112	1,129	1,096
Indiana.....	184	125	122	17	...	1,140	1,106	125	139	1,265	1,245
Iowa.....	43	90	114	2	...	1,042	838	99	115	1,141	953
Kansas.....	21	7	6	...	...	250	215	7	6	257	221
Kentucky ...	22	116	15	3	...	213	186	10	5	223	191
Maine.....	15	87	111	...	...	866	772	87	111	953	883
Massachu'ts.	29	119	146	3	...	1,612	1,627	119	149	1,731	1,776
†Michigan.....	27	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	22	19	9	1	...	257	200	60	64	317	264
Nebraska....	6	18	12	...	...	176	116	18	12	194	128
Nevada.....	1	6	10	...	...	22	48	2	8	24	56
N. Hamp.....	11	44	76	5	...	685	730	44	81	729	811
New Jersey..	29	85	80	...	...	633	695	86	82	719	777
New York...	48	152	176	11	...	.....	.....	1,388	1,945	1,388	1,945
N. Carolina..	1	.....	.....	...	...	35	15	.....	.....	35	15
Ohio.....	45	.....	.....	...	...	1,177	1,273	158	197	1,335	1,470
*Ontario.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Oregon	.....	.....	.....	...	...	107	79	.....	.....	107	79
Pennsyl'nia..	40	209	181	...	...	977	979	72	109	1,049	1,088
Rh. Island...	15	89	48	2	...	492	508	88	57	580	565
*Tennessee....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	137	98	.....	.....	137	98
Texas.....	3	.....	.....	...	...	78	51	.....	.....	78	51
Vermont.....	5	4	3	...	...	212	146	6	3	218	149
Virginia.....	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	22	24	22	24
W. Virginia.	13	55	46	...	...	350	496	55	46	405	542
Wisconsin ...	45	66	82	...	...	836	818	70	84	906	902
*Wyoming....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	734	1,659	1,514	51	4	14,472	13,846	2,996	3,720	17,468	17,566

*No report received. †Report imperfect.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31, 1878.

DEDUCT.										Members Dec 31, 1878.		Not attac'd to R. D. Lodges.		Total of the Degree.
Withd'rn.		Dropped.		Exp'l'd		Deceased		Total.						
Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	
.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	70	.....	.....	149
30	23	84	46	...	...	11	8	125	77	999	1,024	.....	.....	2,023
.....	.....	100	66	...	...	.....	.....	100	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	14	120	91	...	...	9	4	138	109	993	787	.....	.....	1,780
.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	8	.....	.....	23
.....	.....	.....	1	...	...	.....	1	.....	2	15	56	.....	.....	71
1	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	1	2	1	60	37	.....	.....	97
15	15	236	168	..	...	10	4	261	187	868	909	.....	.....	1,777
7	8	67	69	1	1	12	8	87	86	1,178	1,159	.....	221	2,558
13	13	165	47	2	1	6	8	186	69	955	884	.....	.....	1,839
3	4	.....	.....	...	...	1	1	4	5	253	216	1,569	717	2,755
4	.....	5	.....	...	...	.....	.....	9	.....	214	191	113	16	534
7	7	16	9	...	...	5	6	28	22	925	861	.....	.....	1,786
25	29	83	57	...	...	10	11	118	97	1,613	1,679	.....	.....	3,292
.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,127
5	7	6	6	...	...	.....	1	11	14	306	250	.....	.....	556
4	4	1	1	...	...	3	.....	8	5	186	123	.....	.....	309
1	.....	4	3	...	...	.....	1	5	4	19	52	18	53	142
15	8	39	114	...	...	3	8	57	130	672	681	.....	.....	1,353
7	2	78	60	...	...	2	6	87	68	632	709	.....	.....	1,341
18	25	129	159	2	2	10	27	159	213	1,229	1,732	.....	.....	2,961
5	3	6	2	...	...	.....	.....	11	5	24	10	.....	.....	34
163	115	140	194	...	...	5	12	308	321	1,027	1,149	.....	.....	2,176
.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	107	79	...	...	.....	.....	107	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	5	162	156	3	...	7	9	176	170	873	918	.....	.....	1,791
20	16	33	22	...	...	2	7	55	45	525	520	.....	.....	1,045
.....	.....	137	98	...	...	.....	.....	137	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	29	20	...	...	1	.....	30	20	48	31	.....	.....	79
.....	3	9	9	...	...	2	1	11	13	207	136	195	.....	538
.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	24	200	80	326
.....	.....	200	73	...	...	2	1	202	74	203	468	1,594	369	2,634
16	17	69	49	1	...	6	5	92	71	814	831	.....	2,044	3,689
.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
372	318	2,025	1,599	9	4	108	130	2,514	2,051	14,954	15,515	3,689	3,500	38,785

DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge*
January 1, *to December*

JURISDICTION.	No. relieved.				No. dec'd.		AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			
	Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid. fam.	Orphans.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid. fam.	Orphans.
Alabama	1	4	...	...	...	...	$5 00	$20 00	...	...
California	3	45	3	...	11	8	58 50	702 60	$90 00	...
*Colorado	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	1	5	...	...	9	4	10 00	76 00	15 00	$25 00
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dist. of Columbia	2	11	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Georgia	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	12 00	...	...
Illinois	7	19	...	...	10	4	46 50	174 50	...	25 00
Indiana	4	24	16	13	12	8	21 18	279 36	...	5 00
Iowa	5	23	6	5	6	8	32 00	250 75	...	20 00
Kansas	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	10 00	...
Kentucky	4	5	1	...	...	...	20 00	22 00	10 00	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	5	6	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	...	17	1	...	10	11	...	243 00	5 00	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	...	20	1	...	...	1	...	76 50	...	...
Nebraska	1	...	...	...	3	...	5 00	...	...	...
Nevada	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	63 00	...	...
New Hampshire	...	2	2	...	3	8	...	30 00	25 00	...
New Jersey	1	18	...	...	2	6	5 00	272 14	...	...
New York	18	144	15	10	10	27	239 50	2,460 18	286 00	35 00
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio	3	20	...	...	5	12	39 50	249 00	...	...
*Ontario	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Oregon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	18	43	2	...	7	9	228 00	389 80	8 75	...
Rhode Island	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	...	...
*Tennessee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Texas	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	4 00	...	...
Vermont	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
Virginia	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	6 00	...	...
West Virginia	...	13	...	...	2	1	...	129 00	...	...
Wisconsin	3	22	4	...	6	5	18 00	279 00	30 28	...
*Wyoming	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	71	444	53	28	108	130	$728 18	$5,738 83	$480 03	$110 00

*No report received.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31, 1878.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			Paid for expenses.	Total receipts.	Total assets.
	Burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.			
Alabama	.....	.....	$25 00	$30 00	$69 00	$265 00
California	$145 00	.....	996 10	2,794 36	4,763 29	.....
*Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	167 00	$19 00	312 00	938 86	2,283 86	6,289 07
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	75	7 20	6 45
D.Columbia	220 00	.....	220 00	76 37	184 85	391 71
Georgia	.....	.....	12 00	.....	21 00	.....
Illinois	26 00	5 00	277 00	732 13	1,588 12	3,823 23
Indiana	50 50	.....	356 04	713 19	1,413 26	3,943 08
Iowa	39 00	.....	341 75	394 24	952 36	1,936 44
Kansas	8 00	25 00	43 00	179 40	301 85	186 63
Kentucky	.....	.....	52 00	114 40	1,165 45	88 95
Maine	.....	69 95	69 95	510 44	866 00	1,327 05
Massachu'ts	63 50	88 36	399 86	3,331 00	3,583 81	11,382 98
Michigan	.....	195 25	195 25	410 51	550 33	1,329 29
Missouri	12 00	.....	88 50	512 85	632 00	703 25
Nebraska	.....	.....	5 00	29 60	42 25	139 30
Nevada	25 00	.....	88 00	316 19	813 75	1,630 76
N. Hamp	21 00	30 00	106 00	629 86	683 17	1,878 31
New Jersey	.....	.....	277 14	.....	1,355 13	.....
New York	712 50	159 00	3,892 18	3,321 88	8,849 02	13,836 75
N. Carolina	.....	.....	.....	8 00	194 59	186 59
Ohio	10 00	.....	298 50	897 73	1,293 42	3,144 55
*Ontario	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsyl'nia	55 54	.....	682 09	973 36	1,746 15	4,670 23
Rh. Island	.....	113 00	113 00	1,141 45	1,443 41	3,349 21
*Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas	.....	.....	4 00	62 50	83 24	10 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	9 00
Virginia	.....	.....	6 00	59 66	83 80	24 36
W. Virginia	141 00	.....	270 00	513 16	454 89	1,544 03
Wisconsin	30 65	10 00	367 93	.....	1,464 12	4,134 92
*Wyoming	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$1,726 69	$714 56	$9,498 29	$18,691 89	$36,925 32	$66,231 14

*No report received.

On motion of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, the report was referred to the committee appointed to distribute the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire to appropriate committees.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Section 1, of Article VII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, requires the Grand Treasurer to present to the Grand Lodge, annually, at its September Communication, a statement of its monetary affairs, as connected with the office of Grand Treasurer. In observance thereof the undersigned has the honor of communicating to your Honorable Body the subjoined statement of the operations of the monetary affairs of the department of the treasury, during the fiscal year terminating with the 31st day of August, 1879. Also a statement of the condition of the treasury at the date of this report.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1878. Aug. 31.	To cash balance in the treasury at this date, as per the report of the Grand Treasurer, page 7678 of the Journal of Grand Lodge, 1878		$10,661 49
1879. Jan. 16.	Six months' interest on $6,000 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds, due January 1st	$180 00	
July 12.	Six months' interest on $8,000 of United States coupon bonds, due July 1st	240 00	
			420 00
1878. Sept. 20.	Proceeds of sale of $1 000 of 5-20 coupon bonds of 1865, at 2½ per cent. premium.	1,025 00	
" "	Proceeds of sale of $1,000 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds of 1865, called in..	1,015 84	
1879. March 31.	Proceeds of sale of $2,000 of United States coupon bonds, called in March 18, 1879,	2,019 98	
May 26.	Proceeds of sale of $4,000 of United States coupon bonds of 1867, called in, at 2 per cent. premium	4,080 00	
			8,140 82
May 26.	Received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, being amount paid by Grand Lodge to the Safe Deposit Company, for keeping the bonds of Wildey Monument Fund from time to time to present date		22 13
Aug. 31.	Received from Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, on account of sales of supplies, dues of Subordinates, and from Grand Representative tax, during the fiscal year ending with this date		30,222 05
	Aggregate receipts		$49,466 49

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1878.			
Sept.	20.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives that attended the session of the Grand Lodge in 1878, for mileage and per diem, as per the report of the committee on that subject, pages 7822-7829 of the Journal of 1878	$13,942 95
"	21.	Warrant No. 1201, Grand Sire, J. W. Stokes, for traveling expenses	61 75
"	"	No. 1202, G. Rep. J. W. Stebbins, Committee on Revision of Degrees	103 35
"	"	" 1203, G. Rep. Joseph Kidder, do. do	92 00
"	"	" 1204, " C. N. Hickok, "	40 60
"	"	" 1205, " J. D. Cleaver, "	20 00
"	"	" 1206, Estate of P. G. Sire Stuart, services on Committee on Supplies	10 00
"	"	" 1207, P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson, do	15 80
"	"	" 1208, G. Rep. J. M. Jones, "	23 00
"	"	" 1209, " C. H. Rawlings, "	17 00
"	"	" 1210, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. A. Ross, expenses to Washington	5 00
"	"	" 1211, James Young, on account of printing Daily Journal	200 00
"	"	" 1212, J. F. Schweitzer, services at session of Grand Lodge	25 00
"	26.	" 1213, for postage stamps, for Reports of the Grand Officers	87 12
"	"	" 1214, G. Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for postage on Daily Journal	171 06
"	28.	" 1215, James Young, balance on printing Daily Journal	343 00
"	"	" 1216, James Young, for printing report of Committee on the Revision of Degrees	53 00
Oct.	1.	" 1217, J. Wm. Schweitzer, for services rendered at session of Grand Lodge	40 50
"	2.	" 1218, J. E. Chamberlain, office expenses, Sept. 1st to Sept. 30th, 1878	25 05
"	"	" 1219, J. E. Chamberlain, office services, Sept. 21st to Sept. 30th, 1878	22 22
"	4.	" 1220, Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, for expenses of office of Grand Secretary	100 00
"	7.	" 1221, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., for risk of $3,000 on paper for Revised Journal	21 00
"	9.	" 1222, Joseph Vansant, for German translations	7 50
"	15.	" 1223, S. Baumgarten & Son, altering seals of Grand Lodge	27 50
"	18.	" 1224, J. Medole & Son, printing reports of Grand Officers	343 04
"	17.	" 1225, W. F. Hesse, repairing stoves, &c	30 50
"	21.	" 1226, Safe Deposit Co., for keeping U. S. bonds	8 00
Nov.	7.	" 1227, P. Wetzell, ice for office of Grand Secretary	9 40
"	9.	" 1228, C. J. Stewart & Sons, for tools for office of Grand Secretary	9 75
"	14.	" 1229, W. H. Colley, repairs at office of Grand Secretary	27 95
"	16.	" 1230, George F. Lewis, for printing cards	106 40
"	"	" 1231, J. A. Gareis, translation of German letters	13 00

Nov. 30.	No. 1232,	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' salary	$500 00
" "	" 1233,	Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, three months' salary	450 00
" "	" 1234,	Grand Messenger C. H. Gatch, three months' salary	200 00
" "	" 1235,	Rawlings & Brunner, for binding books	11 45
Dec. 2.	" 1236,	D. D. Grand Sire F. S. Ostheim, as per resolution of Grand Lodge of 1878, pages 7814, 7866, 7875	100 00
" 14.	" 1237,	J. Medole & Son, on account of printing Revised Journal	400 00
1879.			
Jan. 3.	" 1238,	Insurance on Paper, &c., of Revised Journal.	5 00
" 8.	" 1239,	W. G. Browne, for painting portrait of P. G. Sire J. W. Stokes	241 80
" 20.	" 1240,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, for ground rent.	30 00
" "	" 1241,	F. Bergner, frames	5 70
" "	" 1242,	J. Ryan & Co., for altering seal	1 50
" "	" 1243,	C. Y. Davidson & Co., repairing gas fixtures.	21 46
" 24.	" 1244,	G. S. Griffiths & Co., for laying carpets, &c..	9 90
" "	" 1245,	Diggs & Bro., for coal and wood	15 00
" "	" 1246,	James Young, for incidental printing	17 75
" "	" 1247,	Sisco Bros., for question books	2 50
" "	" 1248,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for reports and for Daily Journal	259 00
" "	" 1249,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, for wrapping paper	5 40
" "	" 1250,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal	1,541 23
Feb. 5.	" 1251,	W. H. Dougal, altering steel plates	90 95
" "	" 1252,	W. H. Dougal, engraving portrait plate of P. G. Sire J. W. Stokes	100 00
" 11.	" 1253,	John Medole & Son, printing Odes, &c	85 90
" 10.	" 1254,	Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, freight on Journals to Representatives	94 28
" "	" 1255,	Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, incidental office expenses	100 00
" 20.	" 1256,	J. Medole & Son, balance for printing Revised Journal	1,118 74
" 17.	" 1257,	Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, as per resolution of Grand Lodge, session 1878, pages 7814, 7866	100 00
" 20.	" 1258,	George F. Lewis, printing cards, &c	105 73
" 28.	" 1259,	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' salary	500 00
" "	" 1260,	Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, three months' salary	450 00
" "	" 1261,	Grand Messenger, C. H. Gatch, three months' salary	200 00
March 6.	" 1262,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal	816 48
" "	" 1263,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, for wrapping paper	10 00
" "	" 1264,	Diggs Bros., for coal for office of Grand Secretary	8 25
" 8.	" 1265,	Daugherty & Wright, for printing resolutions	6 50

March 8.	No. 1266, Sisco Bros., for blank books for Grand Lodge of Washington	$65 25
" 12.	" 1267, Rawlings & Brunner, for binding books	21 85
" 18.	" 1268, E. C. Stahl, for German translations	7 00
" 19.	" 1269, W. F. Norcross, three years' subscription to "New Age"	10 50
" 31.	" 1272, Purchase of $2,000 of U. S. coupon bonds of 1881, at $1.06½ per cent. and commission of ¼ per cent	2,135 00
" "	" 1273, Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping of U. S. bonds	4 00
" "	" 1270, George F. Lewis, for printing cards	53 20
April 2.	" 1274, Associated Firemens' Insurance Co., risk on furniture, &c	57 00
" "	" 1271, J. Medole & Son, for Degree books	113 22
" 15.	" 1276, McKim & Co., for $1,000 of U. S. coupon 6 per cent. bonds of 1881, at $1.06, and commission of ¼ per cent	1,062 50
" 16.	" 1278, McKim & Co., for $1,000 of U. S. coupon 6 per cent. bonds of 1881, at $1.06⅛, and commission of ¼ per cent	1,063 75
" "	" 1279, Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping $2,000 U. S. bonds	2 00
" "	" 1275, J. A. Gareis, for German translations	6 00
" 19.	" 1277, George F. Lewis, for printing cards	93 10
May 10.	" 1282, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., for risk on electroplates and on Grand Lodge building.	33 75
" 14.	" 1281, George F. Lewis, printing cards and diplomas	173 05
" 16.	" 1280, J. Medole & Son, for printing supplies	452 52
" 23.	" 1283, E. C. Eggleston, repairing water pipes	8 40
" 26.	" 1284, McKim & Co., for $4,000 of U. S. coupon 6 per cent. bonds of 1881, at $1.07⅝	4,305 00
" "	" 1285, Safe Deposit Co , for safe keeping of above.	4 00
" 31.	" 1286, Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' salary	500 00
" "	" 1287, Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, three months' salary	450 00
" "	" 1288, Grand Messenger C. H. Gatch, three months' salary	200 00
" "	" 1289, Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, incidental office expenses	100 00
June 11.	" 1290, Thompson Bros., for hoisting tackle	12 25
" 14.	" 1291, J. Medole & Son, for printing Odes, &c	151 10
" "	" 1292, George F. Lewis, for printing cards	33 25
July 18.	" 1294, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, for paper	19 22
" 21.	" 1293, Grand Lodge of Maryland, office rent, &c., of Grand Secretary	355 00
" "	" 1295, J. Medole & Son, printing Charge Books	141 17
" 24.	" 1296, George F. Lewis, insurance on steel plates	14 00
" 28.	" 1297, Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer, Trustee of Special Relief Fund returned from Mississippi, for premium on a U. S. 4 per cent. coupon bond of $1,000, purchased for said fund on an investment, and for insuring the safe keeping of said bond	23 50
" 31.	" 1298, Burk & McFetridge, for printing and binding 500 copies of 9th volume, Journal of Grand Lodge	672 46

Aug.	5.	No. 1299, Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, for incidental expenses of Grand Secretary's office, freight, &c.	$150 00
"	7.	" 1300, George F. Lewis, printing cards	73 15
"	9.	" 1301, Rawlings & Brunner, for binding books	13 90
"	28.	" 1302, John H. White, for index to volume 9, Journal	50 00
"	30.	" 1303, G. F. Lewis, for printing diplomas and cards,	141 55
"	"	" 1304, J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery for twelve months	90 57
"	"	" 1305, Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' salary	500 00
"	"	" 1306, Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, three months' salary	450 00
"	"	" 1307, Grand Messenger C. H. Gatch, three months' salary	200 00
"	"	" 1308, Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, twelve months' salary	350 00
"	"	" 1309, Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, for check and postage stamps	1 55
		Aggregate disbursements	$37,971 32
		Cash balance, August 30th, 1879	11,495 17
			$49,466 49

The foregoing table is an exhibit of the debit and credit account of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending with the 31st of August, 1879. The aggregates of debit and credit therein, are not to be taken as consisting altogether of revenue and expenses proper. With the exception of the cash balance at the head of the debit column, brought forward from the fiscal year ending with the 31st of August, 1878, they embrace the entire receipts and disbursements of every kind. The sum total in both columns, is but partially made up of revenue and expenses proper. On the debit side of the account, the cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer on the 31st of August, 1878, of $10,661.49; the items of $2,040.84, of September 20th, 1878, derived from the sale of $2,000 of United States coupon bonds of 1865, to meet in part, the expenses incurred on account of the mileage and per diem of 1878; and the sum of $6,099.98, of the dates respectively of March 31st and May 26th, 1879, being the proceeds of $6,000 of the "called in bonds" of the United States, of 1867, making in the whole $18,802.31; will, if deducted from the aggregate debit of the Grand Treasurer, show that the revenue proper of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year, was $30,664.18.

On the credit side, the sum of $2,135 of the date of March 31st, 1879, paid for the purchase of $2,000 of the United States 6 per cent. coupon bonds of 1881, out of the surplus revenue of the Grand Lodge; the sum of $6,430.25, of the dates respectively of April 15th and 16th, and May 26th, 1879, for the purchase of similar bonds, in the place of $6,000 of the "called in bonds" of 1867, and the item of $23.50 loaned by the Grand Lodge to the "Surplus Relief Fund," aggregate $8,588.75. Deduct these items from the aggregate credit account of the Grand Treasurer, and it will show that the expenses proper for the fiscal year were $29,382.57.

The revenue and expense accounts proper for the fiscal year may therefore be stated as follows:

Revenue proper	$30,664 18
Expenses proper	29,382 57
Balance in favor of revenue	$1,281 61

It may be suggestive to your R. W. Grand Body to present the following comparative statements of the revenue and expenses of the fiscal years ending respectively on the 31st of August, 1878, and 31st of August, 1879, viz:

Revenue of 1878	$31,380 52
" " 1879	30,664 18
Decrease in revenue	$716 34
Expenses of 1878	$41,972 31
" " 1879	29 382 57
Diminution of expenses	$12,589 74

It may thus be perceived that the improved financial condition of the Grand Lodge is not the result of an increased revenue, but is on account of diminished expenses. The mileage and per diem in 1879, in consequence of the reduction of rates in those items, amounted to $4,952.05 less than in 1878. The payment to the salaried Grand Officers was reduced $1,550.00, and the absence of what may be termed extraordinary expenses, contributed to make up the total of the diminution of expenses.

The available assets of the Grand Lodge on the 31st of August, 1879, consisted of

Cash balance on deposit in the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, to the credit of Grand Lodge	$11,495 17
United States 6 per cent. coupon bonds of 1881, at par value	8,000 00
Cash advanced to Surplus Relief Fund	23 50
Total	$19,518 67

Assets on 31st of August, 1878, viz:

Cash balance	$10,661 49	
United States bonds, at par value	8,000 00	
		$18,661 49
Increase of assets		$857 18

An examination of the first tabular statement will show that the Treasurer disposed of $8,000 of United States bonds, which the Grand Lodge held at the conclusion of the fiscal year 1878. These were, with the exception of $1,000, "called in bonds" of 1865 and 1867. The $1,000 bond, uncalled, he disposed of in September, 1878, and sold at the same time $1,000 of "called in bonds," both for the purpose of making up a sufficient sum to pay the mileage and per diem of 1878. The remaining $6,000 of United States "called in bonds," inasmuch as they ceased to bear interest after certain dates, were disposed of. It may also be perceived by referring to the credit column of the same tabular statement that the undersigned purchased for the Grand Lodge $8,000 of the United States 6 per cent. coupon bonds of 1881 in the place of those he disposed of.

The undersigned has also the honor of making a report of the Wildey Monument account for the fiscal year.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1878. Aug. 31.	To cash balance this date	$790 13
1879. Jan. 16.	" Six months' interest on $2,000 of United States bonds	60 00
July 12.	" Six months' interest on $2,000 of United States bonds	60 00
March 31.	" Proceeds of sale of $2,000 of United States "called in bonds"	2,024 26
	Total	$2,934 39

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1879.			
March	31.	By this sum paid for $2,000 of 6 per cent. United States coupon bonds of 1881, at $1.06½ and ¼ of one per cent. commission	$2,135 00
"	"	" this sum paid to the Grand Lodge for its payment to the Safe Deposit Co. for keeping bonds of Wildey Monument Fund	22 13
July	2.	" cash paid J. F. Schweitzer, as keeper of monument	50 00
		Total	$2,207 13
Aug.	31.	Cash balance this date	727 26
		Total	$2,934 39

Value of the Wildey Monument Fund, viz:

United States bonds of 1881, at par value	$2,000 00
Cash balance as above	727 26
Total	$2,727 26

The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, turned over to the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., the sum of $1,000, in pursuance of resolutions of the last named Body of 1875, page 6557 of its Journal of that year; said sum being a surplus or unexpended balance of relief funds, contributed by the Order for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers in Mississippi, in the year 1878. In obedience to the resolutions aforesaid, the undersigned invested the amount in the 4 per cent. coupon bonds of the United States, at 2¼ per cent. premium on said bonds. Inasmuch as fractional bonds could not be obtained because of the non-issue of such, he purchased a bond of $1,000 to be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge, and to supply the deficiency of the fund created by the purchase aforesaid, borrowed from the treasury the sum of $23.50 to pay the premium aforesaid, and for the safe keeping of the bond. A special account has been opened for this matter under the title of "Surplus Relief Fund."

North Star Lodge, No. 2, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, which held its Charter under the G. L. of the I. O. O. F., dissolved its organization and turned over to the Grand Lodge its cash assets amounting to $108. This sum is held subject to the order of your R. W. Grand Body, and as the Grand Treasurer had not the authority to place it in the general treasury, he opened a special account with said fund.

The undersigned respectfully recommends that he be authorized by the Grand Lodge to dispose of such portion of its bonds as may from time to time be necessary to meet the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and to invest, at his discretion, in the bonds of the United States, the surplus revenue, if the condition of the treasury should warrant the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSHUA VANSANT,
Grand Treasurer.

Baltimore, September 1, 1879.

On motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Chair announced the Standing Committees as follows:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin; WEAKLEY, of Tennessee; GALE, of Vermont; CRAIG, of New Hampshire; WILSON, of California; WALLING, of Oregon; RENGSTORFF, of Louisiana.

Judiciary Committee.—Reps. HERRING, of Texas; GWINNER, of Pennsylvania; PERRY, of Ontario; VAN NORT, of New York; THOMSON, of Michigan; HEDGES, of Ohio; BEATTY, of California; HOGAN, of Maine; MYERS, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; STEBBINS, of New York; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; BLOCK, of Iowa; SLOSS, of Alabama; DOUGLASS, of Maine; BOYLES, of Tennessee; FIELD, of Quebec.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. RANDALL, of California; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; McCAHAN, of Maryland; GIVEN, of District of Columbia; HASKINS, of New York; BATTERMAN, of Nevada; WALTON, of Oregon; WOODRUFF, of Georgia; DURHAM, P. G. S., of Kentucky.

Appeal Committee, No. 1.—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; BAGLEY, of North Carolina; COURTNEY, of Virginia; LEE, of Connecticut; PERKINS, of Massachusetts; ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin; MILLER, of Dakota; SPATES, of West Virginia; CLARK, of Wisconsin.

Appeal Committee, No. 2.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; WOODYATT, of Ontario; PRICE, of Kansas; JOHNSTONE, of South Carolina; JOHNSON, of Rhode Island; BLANDFORD, of Texas; W. H. SMITH, of Maine; STALEY, of Nebraska; STIRLING, of Connecticut.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. SHIELDS, of Alabama; BLANKS, of Virginia; SHEARER, of Michigan; BUCKINGHAM, of Colorado; SMITH, of Connecticut; HOLLAND, of Arkansas; BRANDT, of Georgia.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. CRANE, of New Jersey; THOMPSON, of Tennessee; ARMSTRONG, of Ohio; TAYLOR, of Lower Provinces; BAILEY, of Michigan; DUNBAUGH, of Colorado; NEWBURY, of Oregon.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. ELDER, of Colorado; ROBBINS, of Rhode Island; VERY, of Massachusetts; GRAHAM, of Lower Provinces; ANDREW, of Connecticut; GREELEY, of Nevada; FERGUSON, of Indiana.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. ROBINSON, of Virginia; NUTT, of New Jersey; JONES, of North Carolina; JAKES, of Delaware; JENCKES, of Rhode Island; GRAVES, of Missouri; A. D. SMITH, of Maine.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. WELCH, of Arkansas; RAWLINGS, of Maryland; PARSON, of Missouri; NEWMAN, of Iowa; McKENZIE, of Mississippi; SEYMOUR, of Louisiana; MORRISON, of Minnesota.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. PEARCE, of Florida; MEACHAM, of Nevada; TUCKER, of Massachusetts; ALTMAN, of Wyoming; CHENEY, of Minnesota.

Committee on Foreign Relations.—Reps. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; BIGELOW, of Vermont; MILLER, of New Hampshire; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, MILLER, of New Jersey; SPENCER, of Delaware; WEATHERBY, of Wisconsin.

Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.—Reps. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia; KENNEDY, of Ohio; MOORE, of Kentucky; MILLER, of West Virginia; WINN, of California; LAKE, of Illinois; FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. DYE, of Minnesota; KELSEY, of Kansas; SHIPLEY, of Missouri; FORD, of Nebraska; HENSEL, of West Virginia; HYDE, of Vermont; SEXTON, of Indiana.

Committee on Miscellaneous Business—Reps. NEWELL, of New Jersey; TRACY, of Michigan; DAVIS, of Montana; GIBSON, of Ontario; MORGAN, of Indiana; HENDERSON, of Illinois; DOWNS, of Delaware.

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

Appeal of H. THAL and CONRAD VETTER, P. G., of Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, in the case of CHARLES WEIDIG, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in the case of T. M. GRANT.

Appeal of Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in the case of EDWARD P. BANKS, Jr.

Appeal of Granite Lodge, No. 14, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in the case of EDWARD S. FROST.

Appeal of JOHN DAVIES, Representative from Oriental Lodge, No. 10, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the case of B. J. REMICH, P. G.

Appeal of Tremont Lodge, No. 15, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in refusing to approve certain amendments to the By-Laws of Tremont Lodge.

Appeal of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Which were referred to Appeal Committee, No. 1.

Appeal of JOHN G. SCHAAR, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Appeal of E. B. SHERMAN, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Appeal of JOHN COLSON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Appeal of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 89, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Appeal of SAMUEL BLACK, G. P., from the action of the Grand Encampment of Kansas.

Appeal of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 190, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Appeal of F. A. MARBLE, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in the matter of JAMES ANDERTON *vs.* JOSEPH DOWDALL.

Appeal of JOHN T. HARCOURT, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Appeal of N. G. SHELLEY, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Appeal of G. M. FOUGHT, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Appeal of H. H. BLANCHARD, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Which were referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.
Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Washington.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
Constitution of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Lima, Peru, South America.

Amended Constitution of Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, Helena, Montana.

Constitution of Golden Star Encampment, No. 2, Deer Lodge, Montana.

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Petition for Charter for Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, at Phœnix, Arizona.

Petition for Charter for Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Return of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, October 30th, 1878.

Return of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, at Olympia, November 26th, 1878.

Petition of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland for a Charter of the same character as that of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

Which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also the following:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SECRETARY, R. W. G. L. OF MARYLAND.

Baltimore, September 15th, 1879.

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—You are cordially invited by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F., to participate with them in an excursion to Pen-Mar and High Rock, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, on Wednesday, September 17th, 1879. Special trains for the occasion will leave Hillen Station at 8 o'clock A. M., sharp.

J. WOODFIN MINIFIE, *Grand Master.*

JOHN M. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SECRETARY, R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

Baltimore, June 30th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

At a regular meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, held May 1st, 1879, the following among other proceedings was had, to wit:

WHEREAS, There is to be acted on at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, an amendment proposing to change the permanent seat of government of the Order from Baltimore to Indianapolis, upon which our Grand Representatives have asked the expression of this Grand Lodge;

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge protests against the adoption of said amendment. True copy. Test:

JOHN M. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND.
Providence, February 4th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

At the regular Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, I. O. O. F., held this day, the following, on the recommendation of the special committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as to the proper meaning of the term "Temporary Absence," in the ritual; and so much as refers to "Difficulty of Administration," subsequently reported that it be referred to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., which recommendation was adopted.

EXTRACTS FROM M. W. GRAND MASTER'S REPORT. SEE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS FOR 1879, PAGES 547 AND 548.

"DECISIONS.

"A question of the meaning or interpretation to be placed upon a portion of the Ritual of the Order has been presented to me for ruling, to wit: As to the scope or meaning of the term '*temporary absence*,' as applied to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, and the duties of the Right Supporters of each. I am advised that different meanings are attached to this term, involving different administrations in the Lodges, the one interpreting 'temporary absence' to mean absence from the Lodge by excuse, or when the Lodge business was but partially completed, and the other a mere momentary absence from the chair, the officer being within the Lodge room or in the ante-room. In some Lodges when the Vice Grand is excused and retires before the act of closing, the Noble Grand calls a Past Grand or Past Vice Grand to the chair of the retiring officer, ruling that the absence is not 'temporary' in the meaning of the Ritual; others call the Right Supporter of the Vice Grand to the chair, ruling that the absence is 'temporary' in the meaning of the Ritual.

"I have declined giving a decision which is not properly within the province of any Grand Master, or R. W. Grand Lodge, but belongs properly and exclusively to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., the supreme legislative and judicial body of our Order.

"I therefore recommend that this subject be properly certified by this R. W. Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and an interpretation of the Ritual in this regard be respectfully solicited. Such decision will give the uniformity of administration so greatly to be desired."

EXTRACTS FROM PAGE 554, PRINTED PROCEEDINGS, 1879.

"DIFFICULTY OF ADMINISTRATION.

"A grave difficulty connected with the proper administration of the laws of the Order, or the application of all new legislation taken by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and applicable to the different State jurisdictions, has been forced upon my attention by the recent legislation of the highest Grand Body in relation to the Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah.

"The difficulty is not confined to this one case, but applies to all new legislation, and all changes in laws or usage which it is made the duty of the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions to promulgate and enforce. I allude to the fact that from the time of taking such action, making such changes in laws or usage, until months afterwards, the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions are without properly authenticated and official copies of such changes or laws upon which to base intelligent decisions or make authoritative rulings. From the closing of the session of the Supreme Legislative Body, on the 21st of September, 1878, until the 15th day of January, 1879, all that was in my possession as Grand Master was the daily printed Journal of the Grand Body, which, when compared with the Revised Journal, received at the last mentioned date, and accepted as full authority, contains an important omission in the very legislation upon which the fullest and most correct information was desired.

"If the Supreme Legislative Body of the Order could, through its Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, or a Committee of Compilation, selected for that purpose, codify, arrange, certify and promptly publish the changes, laws and decrees made by that Grand Body, and forward such official schedule at once, to the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the different States or other jurisdictions, much of the difficulty which now attaches to an intelligent and uniform administration would be avoided.

"If our R. W. Grand Representatives should bring this matter to the attention of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., I doubt not some remedy for the present defect, if not the one I suggest, would be adopted, to the great relief of the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions and the greater uniformity in the work. A true copy from the records. Attest:

"WILLIAM D. CHILD, *Grand Master.*

"JOHN F. DRISCOL, *Grand Secretary.*"

Also the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND.
Providence, August 5th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—At the regular semi-Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, I. O. O. F., held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: [See pages 759 and 760, printed proceedings.]

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, the best interests of the Order in this jurisdiction would be promoted by an extension of the terms of the officers of Subordinate Lodges from six months to twelve months.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be and they are hereby instructed to use their best efforts at the next session of that Body to effect such changes and alterations in the laws of the Order as will allow such jurisdictions as may desire it, to extend the terms of the officers of Subordinate Lodges from six months to twelve months.

Attest: a true copy from the records.

WILLIAM D. CHILD, *Grand Master.*

JOHN F. DRISCOL, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, submitted the following, and, on his motion, the consideration of it was postponed until Thursday:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.
Kingston, September 11th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

M. W. GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:—I have been authorized and requested by the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the jurisdiction of Ontario, to invite you to hold your next Annual Session at the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario. Should you decide to accept this invitation it will afford great gratification to the Order in this jurisdiction, and, while you will be provided with every facility for the transaction of business, a right hearty welcome will be accorded you, and I am confident you will carry back to your homes pleasant memories of your visit to the North.

I have the honor to be, yours fraternally,

FIFE FOWLER, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.
San Francisco, May 16th, 1879.

This is to certify, that at a regular session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of California, held the above date, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That it is with unfeigned pleasure that the members of this Grand Lodge have witnessed the final success of the crowning effort of the life of our venerable and revered brother, JAMES L. RIDGELY, in the completion and publication of his History of the First Decade of American Odd Fellowship. His own history, dear to the heart of every American Odd Fellow, is written in the Journals of our Order; but it needed the volume which he has now given us to complete the record of our Fraternity, to redeem from tradition, and preserve from oblivion, the story of the early struggles and final triumph of the founders of our Order. The volume itself is a valuable and opportune addition to the literature of our Order, adds new lustre to the great name of its author, and, published as it is, under the auspices of the supreme head of the Order, no library of fraternal history is complete without it.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution certified under the seal of this Grand Lodge, be forwarded to Bro. RIDGELY, with authority to use said resolution in any manner he may see fit; and that with it we tender to our beloved brother renewed assurances of our sincere affection and esteem, and the hope that he may yet be spared these many years to assist in the further advancement of the Order to which his life has been devoted, and to whose prosperity and honor he has contributed so much.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of California, this 16th day of May, A. D. 1879.

W. B. LYON, *Grand Secretary*.

On motion of Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, the Grand Sire was authorized to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Home for Consumptive Odd Fellows.

The Chair announced the following as the committee:

Reps. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana; W. H. SMITH, of Maine; PEARCE, of Florida; LOCKE, of New Hampshire; ROBBE, of Georgia.

Rep. HAZLETT, of Ohio, submitted the proceedings of Union Encampment, No. 46, Painesville, Ohio, on the subject of a system of Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs adopted at the last session, which, on his motion, was referred to the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

Rep. VERY, of Massachusetts, presented the proceedings of Agawam Encampment, No. 25, Springfield, Massachusetts, on the same subject, which was referred to the same committee.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. HOLLAND, of Arkansas, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas;

Rep. RANDALL, of California, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California;

Rep. ANDREW, of Connecticut, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut;

Rep. DOWNS, of Delaware, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware;

Rep. BRANDT, of Georgia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia;

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SWEENEY, of Illinois, presented the appeal of GEORGE H. PLATNER from the action of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa;

Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa;

Rep. MORGAN, of Indiana, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Indiana;

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,
GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF IOWA.
Burlington, September 10th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

You are hereby notified that the following resolution of enquiry and instruction was passed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at its last Annual Session, October, 1878:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows be, and are hereby, instructed to bring the following question before that Grand Body for its decision, viz:

Do the laws of the Order provide that weekly benefits shall be paid to aged and indigent brothers as a right, the same as to those who become disabled from following their usual occupation, by sickness or accident; or is the question left to the several Subordinate Lodges to regulate the same for themselves, according to their several means or disposition?

Witness my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, hereto affixed, date within. WILLIAM GARRETT, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. CHARLTON, of Kansas, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to

the Term Pass Word, or to vote in his Lodge or Encampment, and not having the Term Pass Word, or being entitled thereto, is not entitled to visit his Lodge or Encampment; and he cannot become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then, until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

Resolved, That the first resolution on page 7505, adopted at the session of 1877, and all other legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolution, are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions shall take effect from and after the first day of January, 1880.

Rep. KELSEY, of Kansas, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HOGAN, of Maine, presented the "Memorial of Grievance of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, of Maine," which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

The undersigned respectfully submit the following amendments to the Constitution:

1. Strike out Article X.
2. Change the number of Article XI. to X., and all succeeding Articles XII. to XXI. inclusive, to XI. to XX. inclusive.

JOHN M. JONES, Maryland, C. H. RAWLINGS, Maryland,
WILLIAM E. HOGAN, Maine, JOHN U. PERKINS, Massachusetts,
W. R. HAZLETT, Ohio, CHAS. H. RANDALL, California,
H. S. WINN, California.

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this R. W. Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be and they are hereby requested to procure, if possible, an interpretation or rendering of Sections 196, 197, 198, 199 and 200 of White's Digest, relating to funeral benefits, to the end that it may be clearly understood that in case of the death of a brother, leaving neither widow, orphan, or dependent relatives, to determine to whom a funeral benefit shall be paid.

Rep. CHENEY, of Minnesota, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota;

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota;

Rep. MINTURN, of Missouri, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri;

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the State Grand Lodges be permitted to extend the term of office to one year, if they should consider it for the best interest of their Subordinates.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, presented the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

At the regular communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, held November 20th, 1878, the G. Representatives were instructed to ask the following question, viz:

Can a ballot by which a candidate was rejected be declared null and void on account of error committed by brothers in voting?

Rep. HASKINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be requested to consider the propriety of more fully defining the position of a sister holding membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge who shall marry a person who is not an Odd Fellow.

Rep. HASKINS, of New York, submitted the appeal of W. R. SPOONER from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 1.

Also, the appeal of RICHARD ROWLAND, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the same committee.

Also, the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of New York, session of 1879, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. be requested to ask of that Grand Body an answer to the following question:

Is it lawful for an Encampment to appropriate money from its regular funds for music at the funeral of a deceased Patriarch?

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, which was referred to the Special Committee on Endowment:

Resolved, That the Representative of this Grand Encampment be and he is hereby instructed, in the event that the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F, adopts any plan for the organization of Endowment Lodges, to urge upon that Grand Lodge the necessity and propriety of enacting that it shall be a necessary

qualification for membership in an Endowment Lodge that the candidate shall have taken the Royal Purple Degree and be in good standing in his Subordinate Encampment.

Copy from the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. of North Carolina, held at Fayetteville, May 13th, 1879.

RICHARD J. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, held in May, 1879, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment deems it advisable to hold its sessions biennially, we, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to present suitable resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the United States, asking for legislation whereby the Grand Encampment of Ohio may be permitted the holding of biennial sessions.

Also the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

At the session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, held in May, 1879, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Grand Encampment, the adoption of a uniform degree, in addition to those now existing, or as an independent degree, would be of great benefit to the Order generally, and largely promote the best interests of the Patriarchal branch thereof.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be instructed to use their influence to procure the adoption of a new degree for Uniformed Patriarchs.

Also, the petition of EMANUEL AMICK, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

The call of jurisdictions was suspended, when

The Chair submitted the credentials of WM. H. SMITH, P. G. R., appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Maine, *vice* JOHN READ, resigned, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, under instructions from the Grand Encampment of Ontario, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

If between the time of the institution of a Subordinate Encampment and the granting of a Charter therefor, one of the petitioners for the Warrant is expelled from the Order, can the name of said expelled applicant be omitted from the Charter on the request of the Subordinate Encampment with the approval of the Grand Encampment?

On motion of Rep. HEARN, of Alabama, the Grand Lodge was declared at recess for thirty minutes.

12.30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to order.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of Bro. H. STIEFEL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 1.

Rep. STAFFORD, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of Bro. WILLIAM H. SMITH, P. G. Rep. of Maine, appointed by the M. W. Grand Master of that State, *vice* JOHN READ, resigned.

We respectfully recommend that he be seated as an accredited Representative from that jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. STAFFORD, H. D WALKER,
L. T. MINTURN, J. J. WALTON.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, 1, That, under a fair and proper construction of Article X. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, Past Grand Sires, who are not Representatives, are not eligible to serve on committees of this Body.

Resolved, 2, That Past Grand Sires not being named in Article II. among those composing this Grand Lodge, are not members of this Body in the legal and proper signification of that term, and they therefore have no rights or privileges here except such as are positively and specifically granted by Article X.—namely, to sit in the Grand Lodge, to make motions and to debate.

Resolved, 3, That the ruling of Grand Sire MOORE on this subject (reported on page 1830 printed Journal), which was made in 1852, before the present Constitution was adopted, but which has been acquiesced in by this Grand Lodge since, be and the same is hereby reversed and annulled, and that the presiding officer is hereby directed to govern himself hereafter by these resolutions in passing upon the rights and privileges of Past Grand Sires in this Body.

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to the same committee.

Also, the proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in relation to the appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, recommitted to that body at the last session, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, submitted the proceedings of seven Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah of that jurisdiction, requesting the repeal of the resolution, page 7852 Journal of 1878, providing for the admission of unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. ARMSTRONG, of Ohio, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be instructed to use their influence to have White's Digest of the laws and decisions of that Body revised, the present edition being full of obsolete decisions, and not containing the latest legislation of that Grand Body.

Rep. BUCKINGHAM, of Colorado, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which, on his motion, was spread upon the Journal.

Journal Grand Lodge of Colorado, page 777.

Brother C. P. ELDER, P. G. M., moved the following:

WHEREAS, It appears from the records of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., that the following resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and afterwards were accepted and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

"*Resolved*, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that Bro. RIDGELY, in view of his long-continued and invaluable services to the Order, should be re-elected to the position he now holds, receiving the emoluments thereof, whether in health or sickness, so long as he may live."

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Colorado heartily approve of the spirit of the above feeling; and that whilst earnestly endorsing the resolution, it gives us great pleasure to congratulate Bro. RIDGELY upon his improved health.

Resolved, That a copy of the above, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, be sent to Bro. RIDGELY.

Rep. BEATTY, of California, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be instructed to properly stamp all documents or proceedings which the members of this Grand Lodge may be authorized to transmit by mail during the present session.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee of last session, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Legislative Committee appointed last session, to which was referred the recommendations of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and the resolutions of Rep. HAVENNER, with reference to the alarming increase of members sus-

pended for the non-payment of dues, with instructions to report at this session, have the honor to make the following report, to wit:

It has considered the former action of the Grand Lodge upon this subject, and fully recognizes the imperative necessity for some legislation on a matter of such vital interest to the Order. The following resolutions are predicated upon the organic principle that the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment is the *unit* controlling *dues* and *benefits* in the Order; and upon a belief that a man once an Odd Fellow can never be entirely divested of its beneficial teachings, and if dropped or suspended for the non-payment of dues he does not wholly forget that which was once a source of gratification and good to him, and generally possesses a latent desire to return within the fold of the Order. Again, the resolutions proposed are in a great degree superinduced by the actual numerical condition of the Order at the present time, as compared with statistics of previous years, and which, in the opinion of your committee, presents food for thought, and demands careful legislation and finessing to restore to a passive membership the large number of suspended members. It is plainly evident that ultimate success demands that something shall be done to swell the aggregate membership, and give confidence to the uninitiated as to the numerical advancement of the Order.

Based upon the foregoing and other lesser reasons, your committee propose that when a member is suspended for the non-payment of dues, that he be not dropped entirely from the Order, but be retained in a passive membership from which he may be restored to active membership by the action of his Lodge or Encampment as hereinafter expressed by resolution. The Subordinate Lodge or Encampment as the *unit* with regard to *dues* and *benefits* necessarily becomes the contracting party, and consequently it should be the judge of the terms upon which suspended members shall be received and reinstated, under the law; and the proposition of your committee is to restore all members suspended or dropped for the non-payment of dues to, and leave those who may be suspended for like cause, at a *point* from which they can regain membership easily. In addition to the good which will result by such course to the individual member, the Order at large will increase its numerical strength some two or three hundred thousand members; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That hereafter suspensions from membership for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be from *active* to *dormant* membership.

2. That a member whose dues, assessments and fines, which shall on the last meeting of either term aggregate the amount of one year's dues, shall be considered a "*Dormant* Odd Fellow," and as such be debarred from benefits (both pecuniary and attentive), but his name shall be retained on a list for such class, and he may visit his Lodge or Encampment by and with the consent of the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch of said Bodies; provided, however, no member present objects.

Should objection be made to such *Dormant* Odd Fellow being admitted, the presiding officer of either Body shall take the vote as to whether he shall be allowed to enter the hall, and if carried by a majority of the members present, he *shall be* admitted without the *Word*, but shall otherwise work into his Lodge or Encampment like an active member.

3. That a Dormant Odd Fellow shall not be allowed to vote or speak upon any question that may be before his Lodge or Encampment.

4. That a Dormant Odd Fellow may be restored to active membership upon application made in open Lodge or Encampment by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary or Scribe reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively on a ballot vote by two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, for such amount as the Lodge or Encampment may prescribe; which, however, shall not be less than the sum fixed by the By-Laws for an initiate of the same age.

5. That a Dormant Odd Fellow may, by the consent of his Lodge or Encampment, turn out with either and attend the funeral of a member.

6. That all members heretofore dropped or suspended for the non-payment of dues are hereby reinstated to a Dormant membership in the Order, from which they will be subjected and privileged to the conditions hereinbefore stated.

7. That a Dormant member, of either Lodge or Encampment, shall in no way be subject to a per capita tax to be paid by Lodges or Encampments for any purpose whatsoever.

8. That a Dormant Odd Fellow shall be subject to trial, suspension or expulsion from the Order for cause, under the law, the same as an active Odd Fellow.

9. That all law inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions be and the same is hereby repealed.

10. That these resolutions shall take effect from and after their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, O. G. DOUGLASS, JNO. T. GIVEN,
ERIE J. LEECH, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the memorial of A. B. GROSH, P. G., (see Journal 1878, pages 7718, 7878, 7887), asking a review of the action of this R. W. Grand Body at the session of 1877, have given the subject special consideration, have heard the statement of Bro. GROSH, and have sought information from the records and files of the Grand Secretary's office, and from this investigation have come to the conclusion that a grievous wrong has been done Bro. GROSH, and that common justice demands that his vindication should be, as far as possible, as extensive as his condemnation.

We do not believe that the committee of 1877 would intentionally do injustice to the brother, or to the humblest member of the Order, yet cannot shut our eyes to the fact that they were in error.

It has been said, "that the literature of a nation or people is a sure index of its advancement and civilization."

Should Odd Fellowship be judged by this criterion we fear that the decision would not be anything to be proud of, nor would it be at all creditable.

The stern argument of facts meets us, whether we turn to the right or to the left, that even the current perodicials of our Order do not receive the support they deserve; the wrecks which mark the journalistic field are indubitable evidence that the brother who would place a book, either exemplifying the teachings or inculcating the principles of our Order, in such an unpromising market, is beyond question either an enthusiast or a bold and venturesome man.

That the "Manual" of Bro. GROSH has accomplished great good for the Order is attested by the commendations of brethren high in rank, bright in intellect and beyond question of well-balanced minds and judgment. That Bro. GROSH has taken due precaution to publish nothing that is illegal or improper is evidenced by the circumstance that scarcely a change has been made, nor was the original Manual offered for sale until he had fortified his work by the endorsement and approval of prominent members of the Order, embracing Grand Sires, Past Grand Sires, officers and members of this Grand Body, whose encomiums were printed in the preface to each edition.

Nor do we find that Bro. GROSH has been insubordinate in refusing to obey the mandates of this R. W. Grand Body.

In the early editions of the Manual the seal of this Grand Lodge was used as an illustrated frontispiece, yet on the simple intimation that this use was

improper, although many prominent members were of opinion that the legislation prohibiting the use of the seal on diplomas, &c., did not refer to the Manual, the seal was omitted, and a portrait of our well-beloved Grand Secretary RIDGELY substituted.

When the order from this Grand Body, issued during the Grand Sireship of Bro. M. J. DURHAM, was communicated to him, the forms, which were the subject of complaint, were omitted from the Manual.

In answer to a question, Bro. RIDGELY stated to your committee that "he, Bro. GROSH, has generally obeyed the orders of this office, and I know of no special notice or warning being sent to Bro. GROSH, except the one above referred to during the term of Grand Sire DURHAM."

Nor has the Manual, from the best information which we could obtain, been such a "gainful speculation" as some may have supposed, its revenue being what a business man would think rather a meagre return for the time and talent expended upon it.

We have thus reviewed and disposed of the principal points made by your memorialist, and think that Bro. GROSH should be freed and vindicated from any and every charge affecting his character as a man and as an Odd Fellow.

With regard to the request of Bro. GROSH for permission to restore to the Manual the forms which were the groundwork of the complaint, we think that as this Grand Body is the source of all legitimate Odd Fellowship, and as it has decided to publish an authoritative "Form Book" for the use of Lodges and individuals, and as this publication is depended upon as one of the sources of revenue by this R. W. Grand Body, it should in all its details be the sole and exclusive property of the Grand Lodge, and should the composition of this "Form Book," or any of its parts, in anywise infringe the copyright of Bro. GROSH, an equitable and just compensation should be agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. HAVENNER, JNO. T. GIVEN,
C. H. RAWLINGS.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Printing Supplies respectfully report that they organized on Wednesday, February 12th, 1879, electing JOHN M. JONES, of Maryland chairman, and THEODORE A. ROSS, secretary. Two meetings have been held.

The Revised Journal of 1878 was completed early in January, 1879, in accordance with the contract, and distributed as required by law

An edition of 15,000 copies was printed, the total expense for the same being $3,791,57, about 25¼ cents per copy.

An edition of 500 copies of Volume IX. of the Journal, as ordered at the last session, was contracted for on favorable terms, and the books were promptly delivered to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the cost of the same, including electro plates of 72 pages of index, being $672.46.

The following supplies have been furnished by this committee, viz: 106 Charge Books, German; 514 Charge Books, English; 521 Degree Books, English; 255 Rebekah Degree Books, 20,000 Lodge Odes, English; 3,000 Rebekah Odes, English; 520 Book of Odes, 44,450 Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, 3,000 Dismissal Certificates, 1,000 Diplomas, English; 500 Diplomas, German; 500 copies Journal, Volume IX.; 283 Digests.

A new engraving of the German-Text of Diploma has been procured at a cost of $7.00.

The expenditures for the above engraving, and supplies as enumerated, amounted to $6,194.04.

The resolution adopted at the session of 1878, authorizing this committee to have the Charge Books printed in the French language, has received attention, and they have deemed it inexpedient to print a new edition, from the fact that the limited demand for them would not pay for the cost of translation.

The contract for printing the Officers' Reports and Revised Journal of the present session was awarded to JOHN L. MURPHY, Trenton, New Jersey; the Daily Journal to JAMES YOUNG, Baltimore; the paper to DOBLER, MUDGE & CHAPMAN, Baltimore.

This committee having elected Bro. THEODORE A. ROSS as their secretary, would respectfully and earnestly request that he be allowed the same per diem as the Committee on Printing Supplies for the present year; and also, that he be compensated for his services as Secretary to the Committee for the year 1878, at the same rate of per diem as that allowed the committee for their services.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, JAS. L. RIDGELY,
WM. R. MCLEAN, JOSHUA VANSANT.

Rep. VAN NORT, of New York, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee appointed to distribute the various matters and subjects contained in the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, beg leave to submit as follows, and would recommend:

That so much of said reports as relates to Decisions be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to Miscellaneous matters be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

That so much as relates to Rebekah Degree Lodges be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

That so much as refers to Charts, Certificates, Emblems, etc.; and, also, that referring to Basis of Representation, Taxation and Biennial Sessions; as also that referring to Vermont and Quebec, and Manchester Unity, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to Dues and Benefits be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to Past Grand Sires be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the Grand Sire.

That so much as relates to Endowment be referred to a special committee.

That so much as relates to Foreign Countries be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as relates to Qualification for Membership be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to Deaths be referred to a special committee: as to Correspondence to the Committee on Correspondence.

That his supplemental report be referred to the Committee of the Whole, to be considered at a time to be fixed by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. VAN NORT, HENRY A. FARRINGTON, CHAS. LEHMAN.
WM. S. DAVIS, W. W. EVANS,

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would report an examination of the printed Journal of 1878, and find the following subjects requiring consideration at this session:

Placing Encampment Degrees under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries, Journal 1877, page 7463. Consideration of subject postponed to session of 1878. Committee on Unfinished Business recommended reference of subject to Committee on Foreign Relations, page 7709. No report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the Order in England, and recommending the disposition of Books, Charters and Financial Obligations, page 7535, referred to Committee on Foreign Relations, page 7505. No report.

That portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to translation of the Ritual in foreign languages and recommendation, page 7543, embraced in reference to Committee on Foreign Relations, page 7736. No report.

Resolution of Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, requesting the Legislative Committee to enquire into and report upon the expediency of appointment of only one Committee on Appeals, etc., page 7791. No report.

Communication presented by Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, referred to Committee on the State of the Order, page 7792. No report.

Resolution submitted by Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, on the subject of members in arrears for dues, page 7700, reported by Legislative Committee, considered and recommitted, pages 7818, 7867. No report.

Resolution submitted by Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, granting rights and privileges to members of the Royal Purple Degree, page 7782. Consideration postponed until this session.

Subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, referred to the Legislative Committee, who asked for further time and leave to report at this session, page 7818.

Appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, from Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, pages 7721, 7871, recommitted to Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, with instructions to report certified facts at this session.

Appeal of T. MOLITER, from Grand Lodge of Montana, report of Appeal Committee, No. 2, page 7870, consideration of report postponed until this session, page 7885.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THIS SESSION

Establishment of a free home for consumptive Odd Fellows in Louisiana, page 7478, Journal 1877, and page 7712, Journal 1878. Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, chairman.

Establishment of the Order in Europe, page 7006, Journal 1876, pages 7403, 7477, Journal 1877, and page 7887, Journal 1878. Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, chairman.

Petition of Bro. A. B. GROSH, pages 7718, 7878. Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, chairman.

To consider and recommend propositions for the welfare of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, pages 7725, 7891. Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, chairman..

Encampment Regalia, pages 7778, 7891. Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky chairman.

German translation of the Ritual, pages 7784, 7879. Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, chairman.

Dues and benefits, pages 7801, 7841. Grand Sire HARMON, chairman.

To prepare an appropriate funeral service to be held in the Lodge room, pages 7819, 7874. Rep. HEARN, of Alabama, chairman.

Burial service for a Daughter of Rebekah, pages 7820, 7867. Committee appointed since session Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, chairman.

Plan of endowment or funeral benefit, pages 7842, 7881, 7802. Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, chairman.

Revision of the Ritual of the Degree of Rebekah, pages 7857, 7884, Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, chairman.

Funeral ceremony, page 7879. Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, chairman.

Subject-matter of general relief, pages 7881, 7888. Past Grand Sire SANDERS, chairman.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Page 7729, amendment to Article XII.
Page 7778, amendment to Article XVII.
Page 7779, amendment to Articles XII., XII., IX., XIII., XIV., XXI.
Page 7780, amendment to Article XVII.
Page 7791, amendment to Article XVI.
Page 7792, amendment to Article XIV.
Page 7830, amendment to Article XII.
Page 7837, amendment to Article XII.
Page 7853, amendment to Article XII.
Page 7868, amendment to Articles XII., XII.
Page 7869, amendment to Article XII.
Page 7889, amendment to Article IX.
Page 7895, amendment to Article I.
Page 7776, amendment to By-Laws. No action.
Page 7781, additional Article to the By-Laws. No action.

Your committee would recommend that the subject of placing the Encampment Degrees under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries (page 7463, Journal of 1877), be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The subject-matter of the Order in England, page 7535, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The subject of translation of the Ritual in foreign languages, page 7543, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The subject of the expediency of appointment of only one Committee on Appeals, page 7791, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Communication presented by Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, page 7792, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolution submitted by Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, pages 7700, and report 7818, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution submitted by Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, granting rights and privileges to members of the Royal Purple Degree, page 7782, be referred to the Special Committee to "consider and recommend propositions for the welfare of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order."

Subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, report page 7818, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, page 7721, and report 7871, be referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Report of Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of T. MOLITER, page 7870, be considered as it appears on the Journal.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution and additional article to the By-Laws, as reported herewith, be considered as they appear on the Journal.

Special duties assigned to the Grand Officers, with request to report at this session, your committee do not deem necessary to embrace in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER G. DYE, N. C. HYDE, GEO. L. HENSEL,
S. H. KELSEY, LEONIDAS SEXTON, J. C. FORD.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee appointed by authority of the resolution of session of 1878, page 7725 of Revised Journal, relating to the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, respectfully submit the following proposition, as one calculated to promote its general welfare:

To accomplish prosperity, peace and good will in Odd Fellowship, there should be an entire uniformity in all parts of its system—wherever and whenever administered.

The rights of members should be the same throughout the world. *Rank* granted in conformity with the ancient Constitutions should be respected everywhere. *Rank* granted by authority in one State should be in like manner recognized in all other States; similar in effect to the rights of the people guaranteed by the Federal Constitution, viz:

"The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States."

During the early years of the Order every Grand Lodge was composed of all the Past Grands of the jurisdiction. Quarterly terms produced four Past Grands per annum in each Lodge. A State that had one hundred Lodges had an increase of four hundred each year. Such a large number in the Grand Lodge made legislation almost impracticable. The extension of the terms in 1846 to semi-annual effected a great annual reduction compared with the quarterly terms; but this was not sufficient in some States, and a Representative system was adopted, which, for example, allowed each Lodge to send a Representative for each twenty members, or five for each one hundred; this, in time, was found to make too large a Grand Lodge, and the ratio number was increased according to circumstances. In the course of time some States changed the system from "popular sovereignty," or of the people, to one of "collective or State sovereignty," which permitted but one Representative from each Lodge, who had power to vote for the Lodge as a unit, but according to its numerical force.

Grand Encampments have undergone in some States a similar history, and in others their system remains the same as practiced forty years ago. Some commenced a reduction by excluding Past High Priests, and that being found insufficient, a Representative system has been adopted, one for each Encampment, regardless of the number of Past Chief Patriarchs. Election for Grand Officers takes place in the Subordinate Encampment, Past Chief Patriarchs only voting, but if there should be no one elected, then the voting for Grand Officers in the Grand Encampment is by the Representatives of the Encampments as a collective sovereignty.

The first jurisdiction, it is said, that adopted the system limiting its members to Past Chief Patriarchs, was the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania; and the first time that the question came under consideration in the Grand Lodge of the United States was in 1846, on a petition from Past High Priest HUFTY, formerly of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, but then a member of an Encampment in Pennsylvania. The Grand Encampment of this latter State refused to admit HUFTY to membership, because he was not a Past Chief Patriarch, notwithstanding he had been a member of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey.

The Committee on Petitions of this Grand Lodge, personally, evidently considered the action of Pennsylvania to be wrong. In its report (see Journal of 1846, page 958) it is stated, "that the Constitution complained of has been duly approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in this act of approval, this Body has admitted [committed itself to] the right of that Grand Encampment to make such a provision."

The upshot of this report is: this Grand Lodge having sanctioned the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania with the departure from the ancient and hitherto well established laws of the Order, there was no

alternative but to adhere to its own legislation. Not a word is said, however, to what extent this departure would act *ex post facto!*

Diligent search has been made, and it seems that no such Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania had ever been presented, and of course none had been approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The committee on the HUFTY petition had been erroneously informed. The first Constitution that was presented and approved from that State w seven years later—1853!

All the succeeding legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, adversely to the general recognition of the rank of Past High Priests, is based upon, as a precedent, the report on the Hufty case. That committee was composed of Representatives of experience and of acknowledged ability. They were men that would never repudiate an act, and as they supposed this Grand Lodge had committed itself, by the approval of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, they felt bound to adhere to that approval. Two of the committee, MOORE, from District of Columbia, and MARSHALL, from Kentucky, belonged to Grand Encampments composed of Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests—and they are so composed to this day—the other member, FOSDICK, of Louisiana, did not belong to a Grand Encampment, but since then one has been organized in that State, and to this time it is composed of both of those Past Officers. Surely this committee would not have disqualified intentionally, their own constituency, except under like circumstances.

The next year a decision in conflict was adopted. [See Journal 1847, page 1084.]

Rep. DE SAUSSURE, from the Committee on Constitutions, made an elaborate report on Constitutions, which contained the following:

"From the ancient usage of the Order, and from the decisions of this Grand Lodge, your committee are compelled to report against any legislation by State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the effect of which would be to deprive Past Officers of certain rights guaranteed to them by virtue of their services as officers of Subordinates. These rights, in the opinion of your committee, are to seats in the Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, to vote for Grand Officers, and an eligibility to office."

This report was critically considered, and the above declaration of principle was adopted without dissent. The preceding report means that "rank" once acquired by service cannot be repudiated or limited by the Order.

When the committee in the Hufty case, in 1846, reported that this Grand Lodge was committed to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania (which it thought had been approved by this Grand Lodge), they overlooked the fact that at that time nearly every Grand Encampment in the United States was composed of Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests, and therefore each of these Past Officers had rights, that according to the subsequent DE SAUSSURE report, were vested and could not be modified, and that as members of a Grand Encampment, they were the equals and peers of the members of any and all other Grand Encampments.

An attempt was made in 1851 (see Journal, page 1806) to compel all Grand Encampments to exclude Past High Priests from membership, viz:

The Legislative Committee reported the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no Patriarch shall be admitted as a member of any State, District or Territorial Grand Encampment, unless he be a Past Chief Patriarch."

The above resolution was laid on the table, and there it has been ever since.

In 1849 a uniform Constitution was proposed in the Grand Lodge of the United States, which declared that "The members of the Grand Encampment shall consist of all Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests," &c.

The above quotation shows that up to 1849 Past High Priests were by this Grand Lodge recognized as of equal rank and peers with Past Chief Patriarchs. But at the present time, step by step, legislation has declared that "Grand

Encampments shall consist of all Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests; or, if their Constitution so determine, of all Past Chief Patriarchs only."

In harmony with the preceding statements, the Legislative Committee in 1873 (Journal, page 5842) declared in a report that it would be an "anomaly for a Grand Encampment, composed entirely of Past Chief Patriarchs, being forced to admit a Past High Priest as a member from another jurisdiction, when at the same time its own Past High Priests would, under the local law, be excluded."

That committee did not seem to appreciate the fact that the rights of Past High Priests placed them the equals and peers of Past Chief Patriarchs, and that those rights had existed, according to law, long before the adoption of the limitation of Past Chief Patriarchs to membership in Grand Encampments. They also failed to look at the other side of the "anomaly;" that is, a Past High Priest from Pennsylvania, or from any other Grand Encampment, can become a member of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, and even a Grand Patriarch. So he can in two-thirds of the Grand Encampments of the United States.

The last important act of this Grand Lodge upon the subject seems to have been in 1873. [See White's Digest, 687a, Journal 5842].

"This Grand Lodge will not interfere with the right of State Grand Encampments to determine the question as to whether Past High Priests shall or shall not be members of its Body."

The above is a part of the "anomaly" report from the Legislative Committee, and for the first time in twenty-seven years the question of limitation of membership to Past Chief Patriarchs received a positive law of confirmation! From that supposed commitment in 1846 we find a climax in 1873! The continual warfare against the rights of Past High Priests has, in some States, forced a change of Constitution to adopt the limitation system; and, as a sequence, rotation absorbs the High Priest.

The "anomaly" report, above referred to, adopted the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That a member of any Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall, if in good standing, on due proof of such membership, under existing laws, be entitled to visit any other Grand Encampment of the Order, anything to the contrary in any local law, notwithstanding."

This resolution accords to Past High Priests, once a member of a Grand Encampment, the same rights in the State of New York that is enjoyed by most of the Past Chief Patriarchs; that is, to "go in, set down, say nothing, and when you wish, go out." How far such a state of things is consistent with the fundamental laws of the Order, has not, perhaps, been impartially considered.

But the *rights* of Past Officers received in this Body another confirmation in 1877 (see Journal, page 7432) on the amendments to the Constitutions of Kentucky, which proposed to restrict the qualifications of members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of that State, as Representatives to this Body, to two consecutive terms of two years each. The amendments were rejected, because they "prescribed a new test of eligibility for candidates, and are in violation of ancient usage and expressed opinions of this Grand Body." (See Digest, Section 766). This decision is squarely antagonistic to the principles of voting embraced in the Constitutions of New Jersey and New York, approved by this Grand Lodge, which denies to Past Grands and Past Chief Patriarchs the right to vote for Grand Officers in their respective Bodies in certain cases. By their Constitutions, even the initiatory members of a Lodge are parts of the count that elect Grand Officers! In substance, it says the rights of Past Officers are vested and cannot be abridged or negatived *unless considered necessary!*

Are the invasions herein mentioned upon the rights of Past Officers lawful? Are they not in violation of the ancient usages? By inattention or error, this Grand Lodge has allowed to pass Constitutions that, step by step, rights

inalienable are torn away, and then, when the wrong is discovered, it is claimed to be a precedent! So it has been as to Past High Priests. The supposed approval of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, asserted in 1846, has led to confusion in several jurisdictions, and has ever since misled committees of this Grand Lodge. It has been regarded as a precedent! Thus a report in error, founded upon an error, is claimed in after years to be a precedent! It is not too late to accord justice to the injured.

This committee has in the preceding given such material facts, that it has thought necessary, relative to the important question—namely, the rights of Past High Priests as members of a Grand Encampment—to be recognized as qualified for membership in any and all other Grand Encampments.

With a view of producing good will and fraternal fellowship between the respective Patriarchal jurisdictions, the committee present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Patriarchs who are or may become members of a Grand Encampment of one State or jurisdiction, shall be qualified for membership in a Grand Encampment of any other State or jurisdiction.

Resolved, That all acts or decisions of this Grand Lodge dissenting from or antagonistic to the above resolution, are hereby annulled.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, CHARLES M. BUSBEE,
JOHN T. GIVEN, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The committee appointed by authority of the resolution of last session of this Grand Lodge (page 7725) to consider and report such measures as might be promotive of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, respectfully present the following:

Until this year, if a Patriarch was dropped from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, the same act dropped him from the Encampment, though he might be clear of the books in that Body. At the sessions of 1877 and 1878, the subject was considered, and the law was so modified in 1878 that a Patriarch dropped from his Lodge retained membership in the Encampment for a period of one year.

The practice in the past of depleting the Encampment by suspensions for non-payment of dues in the Lodges has proved to be unjust, and the time has come for the good of the Lodges and Encampments to make an equitable departure from that error.

The Patriarch is compelled to keep his dues paid in the Lodge, because if dropped there, he is not only removed from the Encampment, but also from the Order. He may not be able to keep his dues paid in both, and though his zeal and labors may have been as a zealous Patriarch, the frigid law of the Lodge says, "pay me, or you must suffer the extreme penalty." This is unjust —it is not fraternal!

As the law has hitherto existed, the Encampment is made to subserve the interest of the Lodge by a sacrifice. What does the Lodge do promotive of the welfare of the Encampment? If a Patriarch is expelled for cause, ever so enormous, from his Encampment, the Lodge heeds it not, and the brother is welcome there, and Patriarchs are compelled to recognize him as a brother entitled to their friendship and protection! But if expelled from the Lodge, he is at the same moment, by that act, expelled from the Encampment! The law should be reciprocal. Expulsion from either should be expulsion in the other.

The question of dropping members from the Order for non-payment of dues, independent of Patriarchal consideration, is one of serious import. A member is made to suffer because he is poor! Many are dropped who, through pride, are unwilling to confess their poverty, because it would do them no good. They stay away from the Lodge and ere long the axe falls and thousands are thus severed from the Order forever!

In most cases the member feels that he has done no wrong. Instead of paying his dues he used the money for bread! Who would not perform that great and responsible duty for his family? He was told at the threshold of the Order, that Odd Fellowship would not interfere with his duty to his Country, his Family and his God. Ought he to be punished because he uses his money to feed those who, by the command of God, he must support?

It would not better his case much to withdraw by card, because, in a short time, he would cease to be recognized by the Order. Thus embarrassed, thus in the pangs of poverty, and thus subjected to the severity of a cruel law, as he believes, he yields to his fate, and sooner or later, buries the past and all the pleasures that he had hitherto realized in the Lodge and in his Encampment.

But perhaps the brother may be able to keep his dues paid in either one or the other—the Lodge or Encampment. He may prefer to retain his membership in the latter, but he is compelled to pay his taxes in the former. On account of that law, thousands have been compelled to submit to being dropped from the Encampment, besides the vast number who have been dropped by the action of the Lodge.

In order to enable the Grand Lodge to appreciate the solemn force of the preceding and the wonderful and unexplainable decimation of membership in both branches of the Order during the past, the following statistics have been carefully compiled:

LODGE DEPARTMENT.

During the early years of the Order there were but few reports made from the jurisdictions then existing. It was the practice to make verbal accounts of the condition of the Order by the Representatives. Up to 1836 comparative estimates have to be made to ascertain an approximate membership; but since then, and until 1854, partial reports were made. After that date they have been quite complete.

INITIATED.

1819 to 1836, inclusive—estimated	14,984
1837 to 1846, " reported	133,551
1847 to 1853, " "	188,775
1854 to 1860, " "	125,979
1861 to 1870, " "	295,185
1871 to 1877, " "	323,721
Total initiated	1,082,195

What has become of this vast army of men, is a question that merits the serious consideration of this Grand Lodge and the whole brotherhood. They represent at least five millions of people—a number greater than composed the American nation at its birth. Let us see if we can find them.

Total initiated from 1819 to 1877		1,082,195
Membership in 1877		446,971
To be accounted for		635,224
Deaths	73,516	175,104
Expulsions	49,105	
Non-deposit of card	52,483	
Lost to Odd Fellowship		460,120

Being at the rate of 43 per cent. of the total membership. In the above number is embraced the 52,483 who withdrew their cards and never again united with the Lodge. They too have gone, and gone forever. The reported dropped were 499,061, and reinstated 79,761, but the preceding figures show the actual loss.

Considering the period of complete reports, namely from 1854 to 1877, inclusive, the following will be the results:

Membership brought over to 1854		199,197
Initiated from 1854 to 1877, inclusive		744,885
Total membership as above		944,082
Membership in 1877		446,971
To be accounted for		497,111
Deaths	60,318	126,984
Expulsions	35,449	
Non-deposit of card	31,217	
Total lost to Odd Fellowship		370,127

Being about 39 per cent. on the membership of 1854, and the subsequent initiations, to and including 1877.

PATRIARCHAL DEPARTMENT.

The statistics from the Encampments are very imperfect for the early years of their operation; and, like those of the Lodges, they did not attain completeness until 1854; but even at this time they omit to state the number dropped from the Encampment on account of Lodge action, and after making considerable inquiry, personal research and correspondence with the most of the jurisdictions, the committee feel justified in stating that as a minimum 15 per cent. of the dropped from the Encampments has been on account of Lodge suspensions.

The following figures are from official reports, except from 1827 to 1836. During these years there were occasional verbal accounts given by the Grand Representatives in the sessions.

INITIATED.

1827 to 1836, inclusive—estimated	186
1837 to 1846, " reported	13,991
1847 to 1853, " "	23,226
1854 to 1860, " "	16,428
1861 to 1870, " "	57,951
1871 to 1877, " "	60,232
Total initiated Patriarchs	172,014
Membership reported for 1877	84,164
Patriarchs to be accounted for	87,850
Deaths 11,550	30,876
Expulsions 6,323	
Non-deposit of card 13,003	
	56,974
Dropped by action of Lodges, 15 per cent	8,545
Dropped by Encampments	48,429

Making a loss on account of being dropped by Encampments, about 28 per cent. on the number of Patriarchs that have been initiated since 1827 to and including 1877.

We will now consider the result for the years between 1854 to 1877, inclusive, as we have full reports for that period:

Years.	Initiated.	Expulsions.	Non-deposit of card.	Deaths.
1854 to 1860	16,428	1,611	1,750	1,502
1861 to 1870	57,951	3,147	2,228	3,433
1871 to 1877	60,232	982	2,436	5,023
	134,611	5,740	6,414	9,958

Patriarchs brought over from 1853		23,062
Initiated as per reports to 1877		134,611
		157,673
Patriarchal membership in 1877		84,164
Patriarchs to be accounted for		73,509
Deaths	9,958	22,112
Expulsions	5,740	
Non-deposit of card	6,414	
		51,397
Dropped by action of Lodges, 15 per cent		7,708
Dropped by Encampments		43,689

Being at the rate of about 27 per cent. of the membership for those years.

The preceding statistics will surprise many, if not every Representative of this Grand Lodge. There has been such a continual cry made against the Patriarchal branch of the Order, declaring it to be in a "languishing condition," "rapidly declining," "no possibility of saving it except by mergement," "it must be put under Grand Lodges and then it will flourish," and much other unwise, discouraging and incorrect statements have been made against it. Of course an increase cannot be unless the Scarlet branch has additions, but when the Lodges are being rapidly decimated, and but few initiations into the Order, the Patriarchs cannot do otherwise but rest within their tents and wait for future prosperity. The figures show where "the languishing" has been, and they speak to us in thunder tones to do something to save the Order. The Encampments are at this time in a healthier condition than the Lodges. There needs to be a general revival. Some departure ought to be taken, and prosperity may be returned to us and our Lodge meetings filled as in olden times. Then the Encampments will have an increase of Patriarchs, and new tents will be erected to meet the demand.

The committee is of an opinion that some form of fellowship, that will keep within the Order those whose misfortunes deprive them of the benefits of the institution, ought to be adopted. A plan that will keep in the Lodge and Encampment many who would be lost to the Order, and afford them an opportunity to return to active or beneficial membership; a pleasant step instead of one of humiliation. The plan should maintain a unity of interest between Lodge and Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, CHARLES M. BUSBEE,
JOHN T. GIVEN, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee, appointed by authority of the resolution found on page 7725 of last session of this Grand Lodge, to consider and submit to it "such propositions as it may deem most promotive of the general welfare of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, ritualistic or otherwise," and to report to this session of the Grand Lodge, respectfully submit the following:

The committee has consulted with many well informed Patriarchs, and it seems there is a prevailing desire for a change of some parts of the Encampment Ritual. It has endeavored to ascertain what parts of the written work were considered faulty, that it might judge of the gravity of each, before submitting the same for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, fully believing that it would be better to bear with some irregularity than to incur the expense and suffer the confusion that would result from a change of the Ritual.

The first Encampment degrees were put into form as a system in 1827. In 1835 the first revise was made—it was but little, however, but that little was important, especially the abolishment of oaths At that time, the Golden Rule Degree consisted of a long mythical account of the Gauls, Huns, Moors, Suevians and Scandinavians generally.

The revision of 1845 abolished all the fabulous history of the Golden Rule Degree, and the present ceremony was adopted after a careful preparation, according to the then knowledge of the inhabited world, by our late distinguished brother, I. D. WILLIAMSON. The other degrees, especially the Patriarchal, were, to some extent, hastily prepared from matter that could have been more properly used for the revise of the lower degrees. As a whole, however, the Encampment work was greatly improved, and had there been time to prepare it, instead of being limited to a few hours' study and preparation, these degrees could have been made perfect.

In 1873 this work was again revised, but the changes principally consisted in the transposition of some parts of the Royal Purple Degree, and the addition of explanations or instructive notes which hitherto belonged to the unwritten work. These alterations do not seem to satisfy the demand of the Patriarchs generally. They want a modification or change of some parts of those degrees, the Golden Rule particularly, so as to lessen the compulsory expense necessary to be incurred to produce that degree in strict conformity with the Ritual. The nationality recognition is susceptible of successful criticism, and that part might be changed to conform to actual facts of physical science. And further, it has been seriously questioned as to what extent the long and tedious symbolic essays of the Patriarchal Degree especially, belong to the Purple branch, and to what extent they are better suited for the Scarlet Degrees.

This committee hesitates to recommend a revision of the Patriarchal degrees unless it can be done carefully and after much consideration, and in such manner as will perfect them for the long future; and, further, it would suggest that, under the circumstances, there should be no attempt at revision of one branch unless all the degrees be subjected to a like effort, so as to accomplish the perfection of the whole as a system.

The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania memorialized this Grand Lodge, in 1877, to adopt some measure that would lessen the burdensome and uninteresting pathway to the Encampment branch of the Order, or, in other and plainer language, that high authority seemed to be of an opinion that the subordinate written work is of so little interest to the recipient that he becomes tired and disinclined to venture further in the scale of degrees. He does not know but that the Purple degrees are of the same character as those of the Subordinate—wanting in novelty or combination to make them attractive.

This committee has carefully considered the expense of a general revision of the work of the Order or any change in the Ritual, including translations. If a revision should be made, it ought not to be for a pecuniary profit to this Grand Lodge. It can be done now at a much less expense than ever hereafter, when the Order becomes more extended.

With these explanations, and without further comment, the committee present the following resolutions for the consideration of this Grand Lodge. They are offered with the conviction that the objects are proper, and that they should be accepted as best calculated to subserve the general weal of the Order:

1. *Resolved*, That a revision of the written and unwritten work of the Order entire is desirable, and, if properly done, will be promotive of good, regardless of expense.

2. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, if a proper revision of the written and unwritten work is made, it will act as an incentive to thousands to take all the degrees who heretofore have been disinclined to seek for advancement, and it will bring back into active fellowship thousands who have drifted out of the Order.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee, to consist of thirteen members of the Order learned in the degrees and their system generally, be appointed by the Grand Sire at this session, who shall be entrusted with the preparation of the said revisions. A majority of whom shall constitute a quorum.

4. *Resolved*, That the said Revision Committee shall be and is hereby empowered to meet at such times and places as shall be by it determined, and the same scale of mileage and per diem shall be allowed each member in attendance as shall be adopted by this session, payable to the Representatives.

5. *And further resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies is hereby authorized to have printed a sufficient number of the report for use in this Grand Lodge at its regular session of 1880, at which the said Committee on Revision is hereby instructed to make a final report.

Respectfully submitted, TAL. P. SHAFFNER, CHARLES M. BUSBEE, JOHN T. GIVEN, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Patriarchal Affairs respectfully report the following statement and resolutions:

STATEMENT.—1. It has become quite common for Secretaries of Lodges to omit notifying Encampments of the suspension of members belonging to Encampments.

2. It is common for Scribes of Encampments to omit giving the cause of the suspension of members in their reports to the Grand Encampment.

3. It is also common for Scribes to omit informing Lodges of the admission of their members into the Encampment.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges be and are hereby directed to require Secretaries of Lodges to keep a register of the members of their respective Lodges who are Patriarchs of Encampments, and also to report to said Encampments respectively whenever a member of the same is suspended.

Resolved, That Grand Encampments be and are hereby directed to require the Scribes of Encampments to notify each Lodge whose member becomes a Patriarch on admission to the said Encampment, in order to promptly transmit, one to the other, reciprocal official notifications.

Respectfully submitted, TAL. P. SHAFFNER, CHARLES M. BUSBEE, JOHN T. GIVEN, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Encampment Regalia, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The committee appointed to propose a Uniform Regalia to be worn in Encampments, and instructed to report at this session (see Journal of 1878, page 7891), respectfully submit and recommend the following:

For Patriarchal Degree, black collar; for Golden Rule Degree, black collar trimmed with yellow lace or braid; for Royal Purple Degree, purple collar trimmed with yellow lace and fringe, same width as the street regalia.

The regalia for the officers of the Encampment to be black gowns, yellow belt, purple collar ornamented with stars, lace or fringe, to suit the wishes of the Encampment. The officers to wear turbans of black, yellow and purple combinations to suit the wishes of the Encampment. Turbans may be worn by all the members present.

An Encampment shall be privileged to wear the regulation collar. See Journal of 1878, pages 7731–2 and 3.

The committee has, in the above, presented such a variety of regalia, that some of them must meet with Patriarchal satisfaction. Any and all of the styles recommended are suitable for the Encampment, but it is desirable that each Encampment should be uniform as to its own. The quality of the material is left to the judgment of those who wish to use it. The High Priest to wear costume according to Bible description.

The committee recommend the adoption of the above report.

Respectfully submitted, TAL P. SHAFFNER, WM. S. JOHNSON.
JOHN T. GIVEN,

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of Representatives in attendance at the present session at eight cents per mile (one way) by the nearest traveled route, and four dollars per day for six days' attendance.

On motion of Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 16th, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
LUTHER J. GLENN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
NATHAN TAYLOR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
B. H. WOODELL.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. BUCKINGHAM, of Colorado, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SPENCER, of Delaware, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which was referred to the same committee.

Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby, instructed to use their best efforts to secure the passage of a law by that Grand Body, making the terms of Subordinate Lodges one year instead of six months.

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. EVANS, of Washington, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In presenting the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, instructing me to ask this Body to refund the full amount advanced as the ten per cent. of the gross receipts of Lodges Nos. 8 to 14 inclusive, from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 26th of November, 1878, as Grand Lodge dues, I wish to say that the request is made as a matter of favor in consideration of the difficulties attending the establishment of a Grand Lodge in a new country where the Lodges are poor and scattered over a wide territory like ours. In starting out we have been obliged to draw heavily upon our own members,

requiring the Representatives to our Grand Lodge to give their time and pay their own expenses while in attendance upon its sessions, and can see no harm in asking for a little aid from the parent hand; which, if extended, I feel confident will return in time, like bread cast upon the water, "reward an hundred fold," as we have a country of great natural resources, which must soon develop into a popular and wealthy State.

Should the Grand Lodge, however, not be disposed to make the full concession asked for, I think there are some remittances from the amount paid, to which we are justly entitled, as the amount which we have advanced as the averages of some Lodges is considerably in excess of the per capita tax levied upon them.

Leaving the whole matter in the hands of the Grand Lodge, I have no doubt it will do whatever may be just and equitable in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. EVANS, *Rep. Grand Lodge of Washington.*

At the R. W. Grand Lodge of Washington, I. O. O. F., in session at Seattle, May 14th, 1879, the Finance Committee submitted the following recommendation, which was unanimously adopted:

That we recommend the payment by this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of the sum of $375, or so much thereof as is necessary to pay ten per cent. of the gross receipts of Lodges 8 to 14, up to November 26th, 1878. And further,

That our Grand Representative be requested to solicit the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to refund to this Grand Lodge the amounts paid to that Grand Body by the Subordinates in this jurisdiction, the same having been demanded by and paid to the said Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

The above is a true copy of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

T. N. FORD, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Special Committee, page 8038, on distribution of the subjects of the reports of the Grand Sire.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the pending amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be made the special order for 1 o'clock on Thursday next.

Rep. BATTERMAN, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, In the fire by which Virginia City, Nevada, was destroyed, the Journals and Digest of this R. W. Grand Body belonging to Bro. D. O. ADKISON, P. G. Representative, were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, Bro. ADKISON is unable to replace them by purchase; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Body hereby donates to Bro. ADKISON a set of the Journals and Digest to replace those destroyed.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the communication presented by Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, at last session (see Journal 1878, page 7792), requesting the procuring of a book wherein is contained the installation form for Degree Lodges in the German language, beg leave to report that we are not aware of such a work being in print, and as there does not appear to be a sufficient number of Degree Lodges working in the German language to warrant the printing of such form, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH, A. G. WALLING, JOHN E. RENGSTORFF,
C. M. BUSBEE, JOHN N. GALE, A. F. CRAIG,
T. K. WILSON, M. P. LINDSLEY, J. L. WEAKLEY.

Rep. GALE, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question presented by Rep. HASKINS, of New York, which is as follows:

"Is it lawful for an Encampment to appropriate money from its regular funds for music at the funeral of a Patriarch?"

Have considered the same and beg leave to answer, *No.*

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. GALE, M. P. LINDSLEY, JOHN E. RENGSTORFF,
ERIE J. LEECH, T. K. WILSON, J. L. WEAKLEY,
C. M. BUSBEE, A. G. WALLING, A. F. CRAIG.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Wisconsin, Missouri and Virginia, the Grand Encampments of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri; also, the amended Constitution and By-Laws of Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, of Helena, and the Constitution of Golden Star Encampment, No. 2, Deer Lodge, Montana, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the above named Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments and Subordinate Encampments be, and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, ROBERT THOMPSON, W. S. NEWBURY,
JAS. A. ARMSTRONG, C. P. DUNBAUGH, HENRY A. TAYLOR.
NORMAN BAILEY,

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 190, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, beg leave to report that this is a case where a member of said Mount Carmel Lodge was cared for when sick by Spencer Lodge, No. 347, and for watching twenty-six nights, a bill of fifty-two dollars was presented to Mount Carmel Lodge, which said Lodge declined to pay. Whereupon said Spencer Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of the State. The matter was referred to the Committee on Grievance. The report of said committee, after relating the circumstances of the case in detail, says:

"It also appears that Spencer Lodge provides a fund by assessment of the members for the purpose of paying nurses, so, on the 7th day of July, 1877, Spencer Lodge sends a bill for twenty-six nights' watching with said Bro. LEITZ, at two dollars per night, fifty-two dollars, to Mount Carmel Lodge, which they positively refused to pay, on the ground that they do not have a fund in their Lodge for the purpose of hiring watchers or nurses, but simply take care of their sick by detail of its members as per law. It is the opinion of your committee that there is no law of the Order which will compel said Mount Carmel Lodge to reimburse Spencer Lodge, No. 347, and we ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

This report was amended by striking out so much as exonerates Mount Carmel Lodge from liability, and by inserting that Mount Carmel Lodge be required to reimburse Spencer Lodge in the amount claimed. The report, as amended, was adopted, and from this action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio Mount Carmel Lodge appeals to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee find that the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges makes provision for a draft upon the members for watchers for transient brothers, and affixes a penalty for neglect or refusal to watch when so drawn.

This is all the law bearing upon this subject which has come to the knowledge of your committee, and this, it is clear, does not authorize the claim of Spencer Lodge upon Mount Carmel Lodge. On the contrary, and in the absence of any special authority from Mount Carmel Lodge to incur any expense for the care of its sick members, it was plainly the duty of Spencer Lodge to provide watchers by a draft on its members, as provided by the Constitution; and when they hired watchers it was without authority. They therefore have no legal claim on Mount Carmel Lodge for reimbursement.

Your committee therefore recommend that the appeal of Mount Carmel Lodge be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, JOHN M. PRICE, WILLIAM H. SMITH.
JNO. H. WHITE, R. A. BLANDFORD,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

On the appeal of G. M. FOUGHT, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, your committee report:

Parkersburg Lodge, No. 7, West Virginia, refused to allow certain of its members, who were also members of the Knights of Pythias, to vote upon the question of allowing that Order, to whom they rented their hall, to put the name of the Knights Lodge on the globe on their nights of meeting.

There is no evidence as to what this globe was, but we assume it was some piece of property belonging to Parkersburg Lodge, used as a sign on Lodge nights to notify brothers of the meetings. The Grand Lodge of West Virginia

reversed this action, holding in effect that the members had the right to vote. The matter itself is very trivial, but the question involved of much general importance. In 1873 this Grand Lodge adopted a general law applicable to all such questions. It provides that no member of any Lodge shall vote upon any question in which he may be interested by reason of his connection with any Lodge, &c., or *with any other organization*, Section 1919b, Digest. The words *any other organization* exactly cover the case in question, and establish the correctness of the ruling of Parkersburg Lodge in the matter. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of G. M. FOUGHT, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, be sustained, and that the decision of said Grand Lodge in the matter be and the same hereby is reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,	JOHN M. PRICE,	THOMAS STIRLING,
WM. S. JOHNSON,	R. A. BLANDFORD,	THOS. J. STALEY,
SILAS JOHNSTONE,	WM. H. SMITH,	JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

On the appeal of GEORGE H. PLATNER, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, your committee report:

The facts in this case appear to be as follows: GEORGE H. PLATNER was Scribe of Rockford Encampment, No. 44, for six terms and up to June 30th, 1874, and during that time credited himself with his dues in payment of services as Scribe. From July 1st, 1874, until January 1st, 1877, his dues were regularly paid and he took receipts therefor. Bro. PLATNER alleges that his books were examined each term by the Auditing Committee and reported correct, but we have no official evidence of this. It was afterwards claimed that Bro. PLATNER had no right to credit himself with dues for services, and a demand was made for the same. These he refused to pay, and he was suspended for such non-payment. The Committee of Appeals of the Grand Encampment report that the papers in the case show that he "credited himself with services to the amount of his yearly dues, without authority of law of the Encampment or by its consent," and sustained the action of his Encampment in suspending him for non-payment of dues. The Grand Encampment adopted this report and he appeals therefrom.

Bro. PLATNER had no right to credit himself with his dues without authority of his Encampment. Though the Auditing Committee passed his accounts and reported them correct, there is no evidence that their attention was called to the particular matter in question. It does not appear that anything was due Bro. PLATNER for services. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of GEORGE H. PLATNER from the action of the Grand Encampment of Illinois be dismissed, and the action of said Encampment in this case be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. WHITE,	JOHN M. PRICE,	THOMAS STIRLING,
WM. S. JOHNSON,	R. A. BLANDFORD,	THOS. J. STALEY,
SILAS JOHNSTONE,	WILLIAM H. SMITH,	JAMES WOODYATT.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of Committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8034, from the Legislative Committee of last session on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, was considered.

The question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out "that a member whose dues, assessments and fines, which shall on the last meeting of either term aggregate the amount of one year's dues, shall be considered a *Dormant* Odd Fellow," and insert, "that a member who shall be in arrears for one year's dues shall be considered a Dormant Odd Fellow."

Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out "last meeting," and insert, "first meeting."

Which was accepted by the committee.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until 12 M. Thursday, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 8036, from the Special Committee on the Memorial of Bro. A. B. GROSH, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8037, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

Rep. VAN NORT, of New York, from the Special Committee to distribute the subjects contained in the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, made the following report, which (the rule being suspended) was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in order to distribute the various subjects and matters to appropriate committees, beg leave to recommend:

That so much as refers to General Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

So much as relates to Foreign Correspondence to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

So much as refers to the Order in Foreign Countries to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

So much as relates to Library, Miscellaneous Pamphlets, Journals of Grand Bodies Received, and Periodicals Received, to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

So much as refers to Warrants and Charters to the Committee on Petitions.

So much as refers to Returns to the Committee on Returns.

So much as refers to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

So much as refers to Digests and Bound Journals to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as refers to Life Insurance to the special c. mmittee that may be appointed to consider same subject (Endowment) in the Grand Sire's report.

So much as refers to Deaths to the special committee that may be appointed to consider the same subject as mentioned by the Grand Sire.

So much as refers to the History of Odd Fellowship to a special committee of five.

So much as refers to Finance to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. VAN NORT, W. W. EVANS, HENRY A. FARRINGTON.
WM. S. DAVIS, CHAS. LEHMAN,

The Chair appointed as the Special Committee on History of Odd Fellowship:

Reps. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; RANDALL, of California; ANDREW, of Connecticut; CAMPBELL, of Ontario; HEATON, of Illinois.

The Chair presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Chile, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the rules of order of this Grand Lodge, and report a new code at this session.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; GAREY, of Maryland; STEBBINS, of New York; BUSBEE, of North Carolina.

Rep. VERY, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

Resolved, That the regulations regarding street uniform be so amended that all Uniformed Patriarchs on parade may be allowed to wear baldrics trimmed with fringe, if they so desire.

Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That members of our Order may unite with the Manchester Unity without severing their connection with the I. O. O. F.

Also, the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order be instructed to examine and report as to whether or not, the adoption of Eddy's Tactics at the last session of this Grand Lodge, authorized the wearing of white gloves and certain shoulder-straps, &c., as prescribed in that work.

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, presented the following, which was ordered to be entered upon the Journal:

At the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, in May last, the following action was had:

P. G. Sire VEITCH offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The practicel experience of years has demonstrated the fact that the five Subordinate Degrees of the Order fail in attractiveness to the membership generally, as is evidenced by the meagre attendance at degree meetings and the want of interest in the degree work by most of those who have received the degrees; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that a proper revision of the lectures and ritual of the degrees and their reduction from five to three, retaining the present unwritten portion of them, but varied in form, style and matter, would be more impressive, attractive and effective; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Missouri is in favor of a revision of the Subordinate Degrees, and their reduction in number from five to three degrees, and that our R. W. Grand Representatives are requested to advocate and vote for the same in the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Rep. GRANT submitted the following amendment to the preamble and resolution, which was accepted by P. G. Sire VEITCH:

That the Grand Lodge of Missouri is also in favor of such change as will have the work in the Subordinate Lodges done in the highest Subordinate Degree.

The preamble and resolution, together with the amendment of Rep. GRANT, were unanimously adopted.

Rep. BULLEN offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is instructed to forward the resolution introduced by P. G. Sire VEITCH, in reference to a revision of the degrees, to the several Grand Lodges, and request their co-operation.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, submitted the following:

WHEREAS, At the session of this Grand Body held in 1873, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Illinois be and are hereby permitted to procure a translation of the Rituals for Subordinate Lodges into the Norwegian language, provided such translation be made without expense to this Grand Lodge, and is submitted to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and shall receive his sanction and approval before the same shall be allowed to be used by any Lodge." (See Grand Lodge Journal, 1873, pages 5904 and 5949). And

WHEREAS, There is doubt as to the meaning of said resolution; therefore,

Resolved, That the same be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Illinois be and are hereby permitted to procure a translation of the Rituals for Subordinate Lodges into the Norwegian language, provided such translation be made without expense (excepting the printing) to this Grand Lodge, and is submitted to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and shall receive his sanction and approval before the same shall be allowed to be used by any Lodge.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Also the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be requested to consider and report on the propriety of admitting to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge the widow of an Odd Fellow who, at his decease, was a dropped or suspended member; also, the widowed mother of an Odd Fellow who has attained the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to have the Revised Charge Book translated and printed in the French language.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. HOLLAND, of Arkansas, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned respectfully represent that in the month of October, 1877, the Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, with all the books, papers, regalia, &c., including the Charters of both the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Arkansas, was entirely destroyed by fire.

They, therefore, humbly ask that duplicate charters be issued by the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Arkansas, free of charge.

THOS. R. WELCH, W. S. DAVIS.
JOHN G. HOLLAND,
Representatives from Arkansas.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, Subordinate Lodges are empowered under their charters to confer the Degree of Rebekah, but, under recent legislation, are restricted from conferring the said degree upon certain classes that are by law entitled to receive it; therefore, in order that the chartered rights of said Subordinate Lodges may be fully recognized, be it

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges be and they are hereby authorized to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon all persons that are qualified by the laws of the Order to receive said degree, and that all laws inconsistent with this resolution be and are hereby repealed.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, The exact language of the unwritten work of the Order is not generally understood by the brotherhood, nor by the officers of the Lodges, and as those officers, whose duty it is to instruct initiates in this work, ought especially to be in full possession of it; therefore,

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment subordinate to this Grand Body shall, through its Grand Representatives, (or in other lawful manner), possess itself of such "language," and cause the same to be communicated to its Lodges and Encampments subordinate thereto, and shall hereafter

require the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of each Lodge, the Chief Patriarch and High Priest of each Encampment, to be in possession of the same before being installed into their respective offices.

Rep. WALLING, of Oregon, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced his resignation as a member of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, and appointed Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, to fill the vacancy.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, moved that 7½ o'clock P. M. Thursday be fixed as the hour for the Lodge to consider, in committee of the whole, the supplemental report of the Grand Sire proposing certain amendments to the Constitution.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, Friday, 8 o'clock P. M., was fixed as the hour for the delivery of eulogies on deceased Past Grand Representatives.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

In conformity with a resolution offered and referred by the Grand Lodge of New York to their Representatives to obtain action on that subject, I propose the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New York is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to make the term of office in its Subordinates one year.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business was resumed, when

Rep LEECH, of Iowa, submitted the appeal of B. S. MERRIAM, Grand Master, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

JAMES MORRIS, of Lowell Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F. of Massachusetts, having joined the Manchester Unity, the Noble Grand of that Lodge, on being informed of that fact, decided that the brother by his act had severed his connection with the I. O. O. F., and Bro. MORRIS was by that decision excluded from the Lodge. Bro. MORRIS appealed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which referred the matter to a committee, which reported in favor of the action of the Noble Grand. [See White's Digest, Sec. 1090].

The matter is now pending, and that Grand Lodge has instructed its Representatives to obtain the opinion of this Body on the subject.

The manner in which action should be taken under the circumstances detailed, seems to be indefinite. It is therefore moved that this Body shall declare the manner in which this forfeiture of membership may be declared under the law, and how such member expelled for such a cause may be able to regain his membership.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Noble Grand and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of a Subordinate Encampment, be and they are hereby empowered to grant Visiting Cards to members during recess, whenever they are satisfied that it would be impracticable for the brother to postpone application for the same until the next regular meeting of their respective Bodies.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The subject of endowment having been referred to a special committee, we ask that the appeal of E. B. SHERMAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be referred to the same committee, as it involves the same question.

By order of the committee,

JOHN H. WHITE, *Chairman.*

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, urging a revision of White's Digest, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee a careful revision of White's Digest is necessary, but your committee do not feel at liberty to recommend any action in the premises until it is ascertained whether or not the present condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge will justify the same. Your committee therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE,	JOHN N. GALE,	T. K. WILSON,
ERIE J. LEECH,	M. P. LINDSLEY,	A. F. CRAIG,
J. L. WEAKLEY,	A. G. WALLING,	JOHN E. RENGSTORFF.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

WHEREAS, A difference of opinion exists, whether or not Grand Encampments have authority to issue Charters to and frame laws for the proper organization and control of Subordinate Encampments under their jurisdiction, such as the legislation of this Grand Body in 1874 and 1878, prescribing a street uniform, to be worn, and a tactics and drill, for public parade, seem to require; therefore,

Resolved, That Grand Encampments, under their present powers, have authority to charter Subordinate Encampments as Uniformed Encampments, and pass suitable laws for their government as such.

Also the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to ascertain and report, at as early a day as practicable, the cost per page, including the electrotype plates, of printing the Revised Journal of this Grand Lodge, for each of the ten years last past, and the number of copies printed each year.

Also the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That much of the apathy and indifference to the degree work is due to the fact that, not being essential to participation in the business and proceedings of the Subordinate Lodge, they practically occupy the place and have sunk to the level of mere side degrees.

Resolved, That according to the spirit and teachings of Odd Fellowship, no brother is fully qualified to participate in and give direction to the business of the Subordinate Lodge until he has been instructed in the higher teachings of the degrees.

Resolved, That the principle which underlies the propriety and necessity—if the highest prosperity of the Order is to be attained—of requiring all the business of the Subordinate Lodge to be transacted in the Scarlet Degree, the expediency of which the Committee on the State of the Order, at our last communication, p. 7759, conceded, but deemed it unwise until the degrees should be reduced to three, is as applicable to the five degrees as it would be were they so reduced.

Resolved, That in view of the uncertainty of their speedy reduction, and the pressing need that new life and vigor be infused into them, by raising them to higher rank and importance in the Order, the business of the Subordinate Lodge shall at as early a date as practicable be transacted in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

In obedience to instruction from the Grand Lodge of Florida, I present the following:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges be permitted, if they deem it expedient, to hold biennial, instead of annual sessions.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

STATEMENT.—Many Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments have adopted the Representative system, and in practice the junior past officers are elected to attend their sessions, so as to afford them an opportunity to receive the degrees, respectively, of those bodies.

In some cases the junior cannot attend, and in that event a senior may be elected.

As a result of such a system the Grand Lodge or the Grand Encampment is principally composed of inexperienced members, who, to a great extent, have

to be guided by the influence of a few seniors, who, by chance, happen to be Representatives. The system has, in some jurisdictions, it is said, proved unhappy. But whatever may have been the result in practice otherwise than good, a remedy can be adopted that will remove the error if such does exist. It is only necessary to empower the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to confer the degree or degrees, under their respective authority, otherwise than at their regular constitutional sessions.

And further, there are past officers who cannot afford to give the time necessary to attend the regular sessions, especially if they have to travel a considerable distance. In some cases they have to wait for years before they can obtain the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment degree. Now, therefore, with a view of effecting the most good in the premises, be it

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment be and is hereby empowered to confer the Grand Lodge degree and Grand Encampment degree, respectively, as follows, viz:

Each Grand Body aforesaid may hold special degree sessions at such places throughout the State, and at such times as each body may determine, for the purpose only of conferring the past official and Grand Lodge degrees in the one case, and the Grand Encampment degree in the other.

Said special degree sessions of a Grand Lodge shall be composed of all Past Grands possessing the Grand Lodge degree in attendance, and the Grand Encampment, of all who are present and members of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, shall attend all special degree sessions of the Grand Lodge, but the attendance of all other officers shall not be required. In like manner the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe shall attend all such sessions, but other officers shall not be required. Five members of each body, respectively, shall constitute a quorum.

Each Grand Body aforesaid may district the State and confine its sessions to said districts, or it may authorize the Grand Master or the Grand Patriarch to call such sessions at such times and places as he may deem most convenient for the Lodges or Encampments. In all cases past officers from any part of the State may attend and receive the degrees.

Rep. SPATES, of West Virginia, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, having considered the appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., District of Columbia, from the action of the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction, would respectfully report that we have duly considered said appeal and find that it appears from the records of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., that Bro. T. M. GRANT, had been sick continuously from May 21st, 1874, drawing weekly benefits from the Lodge until August 23d, 1877, when the Lodge failed to make provision for the payment of the weekly benefits.

On December 6th, notice of an appeal from the action of the Lodge was given. This the Grand Lodge sustained and directed benefits to be paid the brother from August 23d, 1877, and upon receipt of this order, the Lodge paid the brother sixteen weeks' benefits ($64.00) to December 13th, 1877, the day the brother declined to receive the officers officially.

The records of the Lodge do not show that the officers visited him for a considerable length of time, until the new Noble Grand paid him a visit for the first time, upon which occasion he, the Noble Grand, was received by Bro. GRANT in a manner that was considered discourteous and insulting. This fact being reported to the Lodge, it was decided to demand an apology.

In a communication to the Lodge, bearing date August 8th, 1878, Bro. GRANT disclaims any intention to insult the officers, and regrets having incurred the

displeasure of the Lodge, and asked that benefits be allowed him. The Lodge, deeming the apology insufficient, directed the Secretary to return Bro. GRANT's letter and inform him that the Lodge required a proper apology. It does not appear from the records that the brother ever offered another apology.

The brother continued sick, was not visited by the officers, and no weekly report as to his condition was received by his Lodge.

Article VIII., Section 1, Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, provides that when a brother is sick and unable to pursue his ordinary occupation, or some other business whereby he may obtain a livelihood, he shall be entitled to and receive from the funds of the Lodge the sum of four dollars per week during his disability.

The question as to his right to receive benefits does not appear to be involved further than his refusal to receive the Noble Grand, for which act of discourtesy he disclaims any intention to insult him or the Lodge.

Article V., Section 3, By-Laws of Columbia Lodge, reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to visit all brethren who may have been reported sick, to render such assistance as the laws allow and as their cases may require, *and to continue to visit them once a week until they are restored to health.*" This the officers failed to do in this instance.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Lodge should have directed the officers to visit the brother in accordance with the law, and that in case of his refusal to receive them in a proper manner, steps should have been taken to have him in contempt before the Lodge, and, if guilty, should have punished him therefor.

The Lodge having thought best to quietly evade the enforcement of this, one of the most important laws of our Order, viz:—visiting the sick, have fallen into a grave error. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in requiring Columbia Lodge, No. 10, of said jurisdiction, to visit and pay Bro. GRANT weekly benefits be sustained, and the appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, of the District of Columbia, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. SPATES, EZRA W. MILLER, JOHN U. PERKINS,
WM. W. MORRIS, ALFRED R. COURTNEY, WM. WALLACE LEE,
T. B. ELLIOTT, JOHN G. CLARK, W. H. BAGLEY.

Rep. STALEY, of Nebraska, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, your committee would respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

This case was before this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Session, but owing to incomplete records and want of sufficient information, in order to arrive at a correct and proper conclusion in the premises, it was recommitted to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, with instructions to ascertain all the facts in the case, and return the same, printed and properly certified, for consideration at the next annual session. [See page 7871 of Journal].

The case, as it now stands, turns upon the point as to whether the consent of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was obtained to appeal to this Grand Lodge.

The appellant claims that consent was given by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and refers to the Journal of that Grand Lodge of the session of 1877, which reads as follows:

"P. G. Rep. LANGWORTHY, counsel for the appellant in the foregoing case, asked and obtained leave to file notice of appeal, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to certify all the papers necessary in the case to the Grand Lodge of the United States."

On the other hand, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction make certified statements, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, that no such consent was ever granted, and that the Journal aforesaid was incorrect. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, at its next session, also took this view of it; when, upon a motion to approve the Journal, it was corrected in this particular, and the records as corrected do not show that such consent was ever given.

The laws of the Order provide that the consent of State Grand Bodies must be obtained before an appeal can be properly brought before this Grand Lodge. [See Constitution, Article I., Section 4].

Wherefore your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of JOHNSON J. ROBINS from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. STALEY, WILLIAM H. SMITH, THOMAS STIRLING,
JNO. H. WHITE, JOHN M. PRICE, SILAS JOHNSTONE.
R. A. BLANDFORD,

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on "Endowment Benefit," appointed last session, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on "Endowment Benefit," appointed last session, have the honor to submit the following report, to wit:

After having investigated the plan for establishing an "Endowment Benefit," as presented by Rep. ROBBE at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and having considered the possibility of putting the same into execution at the present time, it has arrived at the conclusion that it is impracticable. Your committee fully recognizes the ability displayed in the report above referred to, and gives great credit for the equitable arrangement contained therein; but, in its opinion, it is unwise to attempt to establish and engraft an insurance feature upon the Order other than in the manner hereinafter expressed.

The Grand Lodge, at its session of 1877 (see report of Legislative Committee, page 7363, Revised Journal), has recommended "the formation of Widows' and Orphans' Endowments by those members of the Order who may form, in the several jurisdictions, an Auxiliary Association for such purpose;" and at its session of 1878 (see report of Legislative Committee, page 7888, Revised Journal), acting in compliance with the foregoing referred to sentiment, it sanctioned the establishment of an "Additional Funeral Benefit" in Kentucky, which has been found to work well, and to be to the advantage of the Order in that jurisdiction.

Your committee believe such movement to be in the right direction, and think the privilege of establishing Auxiliary Benefit Associations should be extended so that one or more Subordinate Grand jurisdictions may combine and work together for mutual advantage, necessarily obtained from the larger field from which to draw endowment benefit members. Especially in some of the smaller jurisdictions would the advantage derived from such a privilege be felt, for in many of them it would be utterly impossible to form a medium-sized association, on the voluntary plan, for want of numerical strength.

Therefore your committee presents and recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the Order in good standing, in any, or several, or all the Subordinate Grand jurisdictions, may form themselves into one or

more Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Associations upon the following general conditions: The machinery for working the associations may be through the Grand Lodges of the respective jurisdictions and the officers of Subordinate Lodges, but no action of said Subordinate Grand Bodies and Lodges under their jurisdiction shall in any way bind the moneys or funds of either Grand or Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of carrying out the provisions which may be adopted by Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Associations hereinbefore mentioned. The only obligation the several Lodges shall be under is to secure, without incurring pecuniary liability on the part of said Lodges, from their respective officers the faithful discharge of such duties as the said Endowment Benefit Associations may impose upon them. Should two or several Subordinate Grand jurisdictions desire to establish an Auxiliary Benefit Association on the voluntary plan, arrangements for the same may be agreed upon by the Grand Lodges interested, in keeping with the provisions heretofore stated; and the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the jurisdictions concerned shall lend all necessary aid, in the way of correspondence, in their power. Any plan for an Endowment Benefit Association, which may be adopted by one or more Subordinate Grand jurisdictions, may exist and be controlled by such laws as may be sanctioned by the jurisdictions interested, *all within the terms of the provisions conditioned above.*

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, C. MILLER,
CHAS. A. ROBBE, M. D. HERRING.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, from the Special Committee to examine the Translation received from Germany, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee appointed at the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the purpose of examining the translation of the work made in Germany, beg leave to report the following, viz:

During the recess of the R W. Grand Lodge they have examined and carefully compared both translations of the work, and find the one made in Germany far superior to the one now in use, and would like to see the new translation adopted, but owing to the existence of a special committee for the purpose of revising the present work of the Order, and a general desire for that change, we would respectfully recommend that the further consideration of this subject be postponed until the special committee is ready to report, and that the undersigned be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER, B. NEWMAN,
For the Committee.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, in regard to the *status* of Past Grand Sires in this Grand Lodge, have carefully considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following as evidencing their construction of the organic law involved, to wit:

1st. That under Article X. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, Past Grand Sires, who are not Representatives, are not entitled to serve upon committees of

this Body, and have only such rights and privileges, and none other, as are specially granted by said article—namely, to "be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge with the power of debating and making motions."

2d. That the ruling of Grand Sire MOORE (Journal of 1852, page 1830), having been made before the adoption of our present Constitution in 1854, and being in conflict therewith, has been expressly set aside by the latter, and *must* be held for naught.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, HENRY C. HEDGES, JOHN F. VAN NORT,
FRANK G. BEATTY, J. HAM PERRY, WM. E. HOGAN,
W. R. MYERS, SAMUEL F. GWINNER, E. H. THOMSON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the propositions of Reps. MILLER, of New Jersey; WALTON, of Oregon; STEBBINS, of New York, and ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, would beg leave to report that they see no objection to the legislation proposed, and therefore report the following:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to make the term of office in their Subordinates one year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, O G. DOUGLASS, J. H. SLOSS,
J. W. STEBBINS, JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, GEO. B. BOYLES,
HERMAN BLOCK, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, J. H. FIELD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. CHARLTON, of Kansas, found on page 8029 of Journal, on the subject of the status "of a member in arrears for weekly or funeral dues," would beg leave to report that they see no reason for the change in the law suggested, and consider also that this and other like questions have been considered and fully reported upon by the Legislative Committee of the last session, which report is now before this Body. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, GEO. B. BOYLES,
J. C. UNDERWOOD, J. H. SLOSS, J. H. FIELD,
J. W. STEBBINS, O. G. DOUGLASS, HERMAN BLOCK.

Rep. GRAHAM, of the Lower Provinces, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the papers in the following case of application for a Subordinate Lodge, to wit:

Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, located at Phœnix, Arizona, respectfully report that a Warrant has been issued and the Lodge instituted; therefore,

Resolved. That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, in issuing said Warrant, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK GRAHAM, D. FERGUSON, WILLIAM N. ANDREW,
C. P. ELDER, NATH'L A. VERY, GILBERT F. ROBBINS.
J. L. GREELEY,

Rep. VERY, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Warrant and the return thereon, of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, October 30th, 1878, report that they have examined the same and find the return correct.

Respectfully submitted,

NATH'L A. VERY, DAVID FERGUSON, J. L. GREELEY,
WM. N. ANDREW, GILBERT F. ROBBINS, C. P. ELDER.
FRANK GRAHAM,

Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the papers in the following case of application for a Grand Lodge, to wit: The Grand Lodge of Washington, located at Olympia, Washington Territory, respectfully report that a Warrant has been issued and the Grand Lodge instituted; therefore,

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in issuing said Warrant be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT F. ROBBINS, C. P. ELDER, DAVID FERGUSON,
J. L. GREELEY, FRANK GRAHAM, NATH'L A. VERY.
WILLIAM N. ANDREW,

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions beg to state that they have had under consideration the petition of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland. This petition states: 1st. That they at present work under a Warrant granted by your R. W. Grand Lodge. 2d. That they at present have thirty-three Past Grands in good standing. 3d. They are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Lodge in the same manner and analagous to the Grand Lodge of the "German Empire," in Switzerland.

Your committee find on examination that the powers granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire are exceedingly broad, and that it is a distinct sovereignty. Its legislative power is entirely within itself and its functions generally, with the exceptions named in the Charter, are independent. Among other privileges it has the power to establish and grant Charters to Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments within the German Empire, and within such other Germanic European countries as may hereafter be attached to said

jurisdiction, by consent of this Grand Lodge. The committee find that there now exists in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, nine Lodges; therefore, after carefully examining the subject in all of its bearings, and after fully considering the claims and desires of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, with a full appreciation of the great powers petitioned for, we have come to the conclusion that it is not wise at the present time to grant the request of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, and therefore beg to offer the following as our report:

Resolved, That it is not expedient at the present time to grant the request of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. ELDER, J. L. GREELEY, W. N. ANDREW,
N. A. VERY, G. F. ROBBINS, D FERGUSON.
FRANK GRAHAM,

Rep. GREELEY, of Nevada, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Idaho, have examined the papers, and find there are but five Lodges signing the petition, and it appears by the records that there are six Lodges working in that Territory. The committee also find in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge that at the session of 1873 the Grand Sire was authorized to issue a Warrant upon the unanimous petition of the Lodges of Idaho. The papers in the application show the five Lodges to have a membership of fifty-eight Past Grands. Your committee beg to offer as our report, the following:

Resolved, That when there is a unanimous petition of the Lodges of Idaho Territory, the Grand Sire be, and is hereby authorized to issue a Warrant for a Grand Lodge for that jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. GREELEY, FRANK GRAHAM, D. FERGUSON,
C. P. ELDER, W. N. ANDREW, G. F. ROBBINS.
N. A. VERY,

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee have considered the following submitted by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, viz: "Do the Laws of the Order provide that weekly benefits shall be paid to 'aged and indigent' brothers, as a right, the same as to those who become disabled from following their usual occupation, by sickness or accident? Or, is the question left to the several Subordinate Lodges to regulate the same for themselves, according to their several means or dispositions?" and beg leave to report that under the laws of the Order "aged and indigent" members are not *per se*, as a matter of right, entitled to benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES, JNO F. VAN NORT, J. HAM PERRY,
SAML. F. GWINNER, M. D. HERRING, E. H. THOMSON,
FRANK G. BEATTY, W. R. MYERS, W. E. HOGAN.

On motion of Rep. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 18, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
LUTHER J. GLENN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
NATHAN TAYLOR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
B. H. WOODELL.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The reading of the minutes of Tuesday was dispensed with.

The Chair submitted the credentials of JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, appointed Representative from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, *vice* CHARLES N. HICKOK, resigned, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. STAFFORD, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The committee has examined the credentials of JAS. B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, *vice* CHAS. N. HICKOK, resigned, and recommend he be admitted as a delegate from said jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. STAFFORD, L. T. MINTURN, J. J. WALTON.
H. D. WALKER, D. B. WAGNER,

The Chair announced the following special committees:

On Grand Sire's Report relative to Past Grand Sires.—Reps. HEDGES, of Ohio; MYERS, of Indiana; BLANDFORD, of Texas; LEE, of Connecticut; RANDALL, of California.

On Grand Sire's Report relative to Endowment.—Reps. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; WOODYATT, of Ontario; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; HOUSEL, of Nebraska.

On Deaths during the recess.—Reps. STEBBINS, of New York; HAZLETT, of Ohio; NEWBURY, of Oregon; VERY, of Massachusetts; BRANDT, of Georgia.

Also the appointment of Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, on the Committee on Foreign Relations, in place of Rep. HICKOK, resigned.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,
Montreal, September 13th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In accordance with the provisions of your R. W. Grand Body, requiring Subordinate Grand Bodies to furnish certificates showing the existence of ten (10) bona fide Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, to entitle their Grand Representatives to compensation when in attendance at the sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., we respectfully submit the following list of Subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, viz:

Mount Royal, No. 1, Montreal,
St. Lawrence, No. 2, Montreal,
Mizpah, No. 3, Montreal,
Duke of Edinburgh, No. 4, Montreal,
Albert, No. 5, Montreal,
Beaver, No. 6, Montreal,
Pioneer, No. 7, Richmond,
Unity, No. 8, Sherbrooke,
Star of the East, No. 9, South Quebec,
Miriam, No. 10, St. John's.

Yours fraternally,
W. L. LEE, *G. M. and Acting G. Secretary.*

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Lima, Peru, report that they have been unable to examine the same, from the fact that it is written in German.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, be referred to a special committee.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. CRANE,
For the Committee.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. MILLER, of New Jersey; BLOCK, of Iowa; RENGSTORFF, of Louisiana; BRANDT, of Georgia; LEHMAN, of Mississippi.

On motion of Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New

York, on the cost of the Revised Journal, was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies, and the resolution of Rep. HOLLAND, of Arkansas, asking for duplicate charters for the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Arkansas, was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The standing and special committees were called, when

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the "Decicions" of the M. W. Grand Sire made during the recess, have examined the same, and believing them to be correct in law, beg leave to offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the "Decisions" of the M. W. Grand Sire, made during the recess, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,	T. K. WILSON,	ALONZO F. CRAIG,
M. P. LINDSLEY,	CHAS. M. BUSBEE,	A. G. WALLING,
JOHN N. GALE,	JOSEPH L. WEAKLEY,	J. E. RENGSTORFF.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered that portion of the report of the Grand Sire found on page 7916, entitled "Vermont and Quebec," from which we are informed that Oriental Lodge, No. 36, chartered and instituted by the jurisdiction of Vermont, is holding its regular meetings at a place under the jurisdiction and in the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Sire is of opinion that as it is clearly a Vermont Lodge, and cannot longer legally meet in Canada, nor initiate Canadians without the joint consent of this Body and the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Quebec. The committee concur with the Grand Sire in his conclusion. But as Oriental Lodge has no application for such consent before this Grand Lodge, the committee do not feel authorized to make any recommendation. The other questions arising in the matter are not presented to us in such form as to call for a decision at the present time. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,	JOSEPH L. WEAKLEY,	T. K. WILSON,
CHAS. M. BUSBEE,	JOHN N. GALE,	A. G. WALLING,
M. P. LINDSLEY,	ALONZO F. CRAIG,	J. E. RENGSTORFF.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio:

"*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. be requested to present suitable resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., asking legislation whereby the Grand Encampment of Ohio may be permitted the holding of biennial sessions;" also, the resolution on the same subject submitted by Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, in obedience to instructions from his Grand Lodge,

Respectfully report that they have fully considered the subject, and cannot see the need of the legislation asked.

If such change should be desired by these Grand Bodies, (their present method and times of meeting being matters of Constitutional provision, which have been approved by the Grand Lodge), it may be made by amending their Constitutions in conformity to the desire expressed, when they would properly come before this Grand Body for approval, and with sufficient reasons for the change, submitted at the time, would doubtless receive such approval.

There would seem to be no legal prohibition to such a course, although the precedents, as well as the intendments of the law, might seem to point the other way. Believing that the question can be raised and submitted as proposed, and with a view to avoiding new and special legislation, we would submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, JOS. H. SLOSS, HERMAN BLOCK,
HENRY F. GAREY, O. G. DOUGLASS, GEO. B. BOYLES.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of HERMANN STIEFEL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, we find the following facts:

1st. That charges were duly preferred against MEYER ELSAS, of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, and that upon such charges he was duly tried and expelled from the Lodge.

2d. That in due course of law, he, Past Grand ELSAS, appealed to the District Grand Committee, No. 8, of the county of New York, and that said committee, after hearing both parties in the case, reversed the action of said Lodge.

3d. That said Lodge, after being duly notified of said decision, and after receiving the order to reinstate said Past Grand ELSAS, absolutely refused to comply with the order and mandate of said District Committee.

4th. That thereafter J. G. DEUBERT, the District Deputy Grand Master of said District, No. 8, appeared in said Lodge, and then and there demanded of said Lodge that the order of said District Grand Committee be forthwith obeyed, but said Lodge still refused to comply therewith.

5th. That thereafter charges, based upon said refusal to reinstate MEYER ELSAS, Past Grand, and for the defiance of the order of the committee, were duly presented to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for insubordination against said Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, and that they were duly referred to a special committee of five, to investigate the facts in the case, and that said committee, after duly hearing the parties involved, reported the following recommendation:

We therefore recommend that the Grand Master severely reprimand the Lodge for its disobedience, and that the action of the District Grand Committee be reversed.

Which report and recommendation were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

From this decision the defendant, through his attorney, HERMAN STIEFEL, appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

From the above facts, it appears that the Grand Lodge of New York proceeded in accordance with its laws, and had full power to reverse the decision of its District Grand Committee.

Your committee therefore recommend that the decision of said Grand Lodge of New York be sustained, and therefore move the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of HERMAN STIEFEL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in the matter of HERMAN STIEFEL *vs.* Grand Lodge of New York, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN U. PERKINS, A. R. COURTNEY, JOHN G. CLARK,
WILLIAM W. MORRIS, T. B. ELLIOTT, WM. WALLACE LEE.
WILLIAM H. BAGLEY, T. S. SPATES,

Rep. MILLER, of Dakota, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of P. G. MEYER ELSAS, through his counsel, HERMAN STIEFEL, Representative of No. 357, of the State of New York, from the action of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of said State in "the matter of charges against Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, I. O. O. F.," the undersigned having carefully considered the case, begs leave to submit the following as his finding of facts therein:

1. That on the 7th of May, 1878, charges were preferred against P. G. MEYER ELSAS, of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, aforesaid, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and setting forth the specification.

2. That he was thereafter tried and convicted, and was by order of said Lodge expelled.

3. That thereupon the said MEYER ELSAS in due course of law appealed to the District Grand Committee, No. 8, of the county of New York, and said committee, after hearing both parties to said appeal, reversed the action of said Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, I. O. O. F., and said Lodge was duly notified thereof, with the reason assigned, and was ordered to reinstate the said P. G. MEYER ELSAS into said Lodge, which it appears they refused to do.

4. That thereafter JOHN G. DEUBERT, the District Deputy Grand Master of said District No. 8, appeared in said Lodge, No. 8, and then and there demanded of said Lodge that the order of said District Grand Committee be forthwith obeyed, but said Lodge still refused to comply therewith.

5. That thereafter charges were duly presented to the M. W. Grand Master of the State of New York for insubordination of said Hermitage Lodge, in refusing to comply with the decision and order of said District Grand Committee, and said charges were duly served on said Lodge, and said Lodge duly appeared before a commission appointed by the Grand Master to try said charges and plead guilty, and said commission reported thereon to the Grand Lodge of said State on or about the 20th of August, 1879. Which report was, on motion, adopted by said Grand Lodge. A copy of which is hereto annexed, marked exhibit "A," and made a part thereof.

6. That by said report of said commission it was ordered, among other things, that the action of the District Grand Committee be reversed. By which said

report and decision of the said Grand Lodge thereon, the said P. G. MEYER ELSAS would stand expelled from said Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, after he had been ordered reinstated by the District Grand Committee, from whose decision no appeal was at any time by Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, or by any one in their behalf taken.

There is nothing in the record to show that P. G. MEYER ELSAS was ever in any manner cited to be and appear before the Grand Lodge; that the Lodge had never taken an appeal from the decision of said Grand Committee, and that whilst the said Grand Lodge was considering the matter of contempt of said Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, they passed upon a matter not properly or legally before them in considering the action of said Grand Committee and reversing the decision thereof; that such action was contrary to law and precedent and subversive of the rights of members of the Order, who are entitled, in all cases, to a hearing if they so desire, of which due notice thereof must be given.

In consideration of the above we therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of H. STIEFEL in behalf of P. G. MEYER ELSAS, in the matter of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, *vs.* Grand Lodge, State of New York, I. O. O. F., be sustained in so far as the same relates to the decision of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, relating to the *action* of the said District Grand Committee, and no further, and that the action of said Grand Lodge in its decision in that portion thereof which says: "And that the action of the District Grand Committee be reversed," be not sustained.

Respectfully submitted, E. W. MILLER.

Rep. LEE, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of Tremont Lodge, No. 15, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in refusing approval to certain By-Laws adopted by said Tremont Lodge, we find the facts to be as follows: Tremont Lodge, No. 15, amended its By-Laws to read thus: "Any member of the Visiting Committee who shall neglect to visit on the day appointed by the Noble Grand any brother who has been reported on the sick list in their respective district shall pay a fine of fifty (50) cents for each brother so neglected, unless a reasonable excuse is offered and accepted by the Lodge (absence from the city, unless the same is permanent, shall not be considered a reasonable excuse)," the last clause of which By-Law the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts refused to approve.

Tremont Lodge also adopted a By-Law which read thus: "No appropriation shall be made by the Lodge, and no draft shall be drawn by the Noble Grand upon the Treasurer for money for any purpose not specially provided for by the Constitution or the By-Laws if three members vote against it," which By-Law the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts also refused to approve. We are of the opinion that this refusal was an exercise of discretion in a matter in which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had full and complete jurisdiction, and we therefore recommend that the appeal of Tremont Lodge, No. 15, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WALLACE LEE, A. R. COURTNEY, WM. H. BAGLEY,
THOMAS S. SPATES, T. B. ELLIOTT, WM. W. MORRIS.
E. W. MILLER, JOHN G. CLARK,

Rep. W. H. SMITH, of Maine, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of an appeal of J. G. SCHAAR from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

The facts, as appear by the papers in the case, are that said Grand Lodge enacted that any three or more working Lodges in any city or town may form themselves into a board of relief by a vote of a majority of said Lodges, the purpose of said board being to relieve transient visiting brethren in immediate want.

Under this law the Lodges in Chicago, by a vote of 23 to 16, formed a relief association. The minority of said Lodges refused to pay the assessments laid upon them, and the Grand Lodge directed them to pay the same. From this action Bro. SCHAAR appeals.

Your committee are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge should not be sustained, for the reason that no relief is provided by the laws of our Order save weekly and funeral benefits. Digest 1044, 1046. All other relief must be considered as charity, and be voluntary.

This Grand Lodge decided in 1875, in the appeal of Fayette Lodge *vs.* Grand Lodge of Michigan, Journal 1875, page 6571, that a Grand Lodge had no right to assess or compel its Subordinates to pay assessments for the purpose of charity. Your committee believe that Subordinates should be their own judges as to their ability to pay money for such purposes. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. J. G. SCHAAR be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in said matter be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SMITH, R. A. BLANDFORD, THOS. J. STALEY,
WM. S. JOHNSON, JNO. H. WHITE, JOHN M. PRICE,
THOMAS STIRLING, SILAS JOHNSTONE, JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. BATTERMAN, of Nevada, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BATTERMAN, page 8052, Journal, that a set of the Journals and Digest be donated to Bro. D. O. ADKISON, P. G. Rep., of Nevada, recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BATTERMAN, GEO. HASKINS, JNO. T. GIVEN,
CHAS. H. RANDALL, M. J. DURHAM, D. B. WOODRUFF.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JOSHUA J. WALTON,

Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. JOHN COLSON against the Grand Lodge of Indiana, would respectfully report that it appears from the record in this case, that in Magnolia Lodge, No. 80, of the jurisdiction of Indiana, the following charges and specifications were preferred against Bro. JOHN COLSON:

CHARGE 1. With "Lying."

SPECIFICATION. That previous to going into "voluntary bankruptcy," he promised several brothers of the Lodge, and others not members, to pay in the

aggregate, about $2,000 of his indebtedness out of the sale of hogs, which he knew would not bring him over $400.

CHARGE 2. "Fraud and misrepresentation."

SPECIFICATION. Calling his creditors together with the avowed purpose of arranging his indebtedness; but, instead of doing so, going to Indianapolis and into "voluntary bankruptcy."

CHARGE 3. "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow."

SPECIFICATION. Going into bankruptcy, thereby making his sureties to the Lodge pay the amount due the Lodge, and also telling certain parties that he was glad they had to do so.

Upon these charges and specifications Bro. COLSON was regularly tried by his Lodge, and on separate ballots each charge was declared sustained and the brother accordingly expelled. From this decision Bro. COLSON appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and upon a review of the case in that Body the action of Magnolia Lodge, No. 80, in expelling Bro. COLSON was sustained, from which action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana Bro. COLSON appeals to this Grand Body.

It appears that the charges and specifications in this case grew out of, and were based upon, certain pecuniary obligations due from Bro. COLSON, and upon promises made by him to pay some of those obligations from the proceeds of certain property which he soon expected to sell, and also from certain funds he expected to obtain from other sources.

Your committee cannot too strongly condemn the practice on the part of some Lodges in holding members of the Order amenable to its penalties for a failure to comply with promises to pay pecuniary obligations. Such obligations are generally honestly incurred, and promises to pay them made in good faith, and a failure to do so is more the result of financial misfortune, over which the debtor has no control, than of intentional wrong. All grievances of this character are properly referable to the courts of competent jurisdiction for a full and complete remedy. An attempt to collect debts, or to enforce any kind of pecuniary obligation, through the instrumentality of our code of trials, is subversive of justice, and against the spirit and teachings of our Order; unless, however, the obligation was incurred through some false pretense, or the transaction involves some act of personal dishonesty, subjecting the offender to a prosecution and conviction under the laws of the land. We therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. JOHN COLSON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. PRICE, THOMAS STIRLING, SILAS JOHNSTONE,
WILLIAM H. SMITH, JOHN H. WHITE, R. A. BLANDFORD,
THOS. J. STALEY, WM. S. JOHNSON, JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, from the Special Committee to prepare a Burial Service for a Daughter of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Body and charged with the duty of preparing a Burial Service for a Daughter of Rebekah, deceased, having considered the same, beg leave to report that the importance of the matter committed, and the shortness of time in which your committee were compelled to act, owing to sickness on the part of two of its members, and the further fact that only two of said committee are present at this session to compare notes and consider the same, require us to recommend the following:

Resolved, That said committee be granted time until the next session in which to report.

Respectfully submitted, M. P. LINDSLEY JOHN F. HAVENNER.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, viz: "Can a ballot by which a candidate was rejected be declared null and void on account of errors committed by several brothers in voting?" would respectfully report that they have considered the subject, and finding no law to warrant such action, answer the inquiry in the negative.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, JOHN F. VAN NORT, A. E. HOGAN,
M. D. HERRING, FRANK G. BEATTY, J. HAM PERRY,
HENRY C. HEDGES, W. R. MYERS, E. H. THOMSON.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, on the subject of allowing the members of the Order to connect themselves with the "Manchester Unity," have the honor to report that, in its opinion, the I. O. O. F., through its many excellencies and the devotion of its members to the broad and good principles of the Order, possesses a firm basis upon which to stand, and needs no protection in the way of prohibitory laws with reference to joining other societies or associations, and consequently offers and recommends the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the members of the I. O. O. F. may unite with any lawful society or association whatsoever, without severing their connection with the Order.

Resolved, That all laws inconsistent with the above resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions shall take effect from and after their passage.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, J. W. STEBBINS, GEO. B. BOYLES,
HENRY F. GAREY, O. G. DOUGLASS, JOS. H. SLOSS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, HERMAN BLOCK, J. HAMPDEN FIELD.

Rep. WILSON, of California, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. STEBBINS in reference to Lodges working in the Scarlet Degree, beg leave to report:

That inasmuch as the advisability of revising and changing the present work of the Order is under consideration by a special committee, it is, in our opinion,

inexpedient to make any change at the present time, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

T. K. WILSON,	A. G. WALLING,	JOHN E. RENGSTORFF,
J. L. WEAKLEY,	ERIE J. LEECH,	M P. LINDSLEY,
A. F. CRAIG,	JOHN N. GALE,	C. M. BUSBEE.

Rep. DOUGLASS, of Maine, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, found on page 8061, Journal, on the subject of issuing visiting cards, would beg leave to report that they can see no adequate reason for a change in the law as it now exists, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. DOUGLASS,	JOS. H. SLOSS,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.
GEO. B. BOYLES,	J. W. STEBBINS,	J. HAMPDEN FIELD,
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,	HERMAN BLOCK,	HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the subject-matter of holding special sessions of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as presented by Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, respectfully report that they are of the opinion that such sessions of Grand Bodies may be advantageous to the Order in some jurisdictions, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment may hold special sessions as often as may be deemed necessary in their respective jurisdictions, to give instruction in the unwritten work of the Order, and to confer the past official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees respectively.

Resolved, That special sessions as above provided for, may be held at such places within the jurisdiction of such Grand Body as may be determined by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the Grand Body. At such sessions no business shall be transacted other than is provided for in the first resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Warden and the Grand Secretary, shall be required to attend such special sessions, but it shall not be obligatory on any other officer or Lodge Representative to attend. Any Past Grand of said jurisdiction being in good standing may attend, and five Past Grands shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of such meetings or Special Degree Sessions.

Resolved, That the Grand Patriarch, Grand High Priest or Grand Senior Warden, and the Grand Scribe shall be required to attend all such special sessions of Grand Encampments, and five members of the Grand Encampment of said jurisdiction, being in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.

Resolved, That Past Officers from any part of the jurisdiction in which such special sessions are held, and entitled to membership in such Grand Body, shall be privileged to attend and receive the degrees and instruction to be given by the Grand Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, HERMAN BLOCK, HENRY F. GAREY,
O. G. DOUGLASS, JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, GEO. B. BOYLES.
JOS. H. SLOSS, J. W. STEBBINS,

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Extract from the minutes of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, session of 1879, page 2365.

Rep. CHIDSEY, of No. 83, from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following, which was agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication of Bro. GEORGE R. ELLIOTT, Representative of District, No. 41, having considered the same, respectfully report:

That we do not think it comes within the purview of this Grand Lodge to define the laws of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.; that while your committee have their own individual ideas of what the legitimate objects of the Order are or may be, yet we prefer that the power that enacted the law referred to by the brother, should be asked for a more full definition, and therefore your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Body be, and are hereby requested, to submit the question contained in the communication of Rep. ELLIOTT to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at its next session, and request a full definition of Article 106a, of the Digest of said Grand Lodge.

The following is the communication referred to in the foregoing report:

WHEREAS, Many of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are often expending the funds of their several Lodges for purposes not enumerated in the laws of the Order, as set forth in the Digest of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the legitimate objects of the Order, such as hiring watchers to watch with its own or transient members, the purchase of real estate, the building of halls, the purchase of large and costly frames for Charters and pictures, albums for the same purpose, and many other such articles; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be authorized to take this subject under consideration, and report at as early a date as possible, whether a Lodge has any right to expend its funds for any or all of the purposes above named.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, R. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.
Toledo, September, 1st, 1879.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct extract from the minutes.

W. C. EARL, *Grand Secretary.*

Also the request of the Grand Secretary of Ohio, that the *Installation* Ceremony for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah be bound separately from the *Institution* Ceremony, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Rep. PARSON, of Missouri, submitted the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on Endowment:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND SCRIBE, GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MISSOURI.

St. Louis, September 3d, 1879.

At the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri, held May, 1879, the following action was had:

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Patriarch as refers to the creation of a Widow and Orphan Fund, or Endowment, and the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives (in which the only matter they find requiring their attention is the same subject), report that they have carefully considered the same, and believe it inexpedient to have any legislation on that subject; and that, in their opinion, the creation of such a fund or insurance, as has been suggested, is not desirable. We recommend that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. WILKERSON, A. M. SEVIER.
SAMUEL HUFFMAN,

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from Journal of Proceedings Grand Encampment of Missouri, session of May, 1879.

C. C. ARCHER, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be requested to present to that Grand Body the following inquiry:

Can the "formal action" of a Subordinate Lodge in the suspension of a member for the non-payment of dues, be legally taken without a regular ballot?

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Grand Encampments be and they are hereby empowered, when they shall deem it expedient, to issue Charters to Subordinate Encampments when instituted, as Uniformed Encampments.

Rep. MILLER, of West Virginia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, submitted the appeal of M. M. HARRIS from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, with reference to the examination of the principal officers of Lodges and Encampments as to their knowledge of the language of the initiatory unwritten work, prior to their being installed into office, have the honor to report:

That it is of opinion that such legislation is unwise and impracticable, and could not be carried out successfully if adopted.

Therefore, the committee respectfully asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, HERMAN BLOCK, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
HENRY F. GAREY, GEORGE B. BOYLES, O. G. DOUGLASS,
J. W. STEBBINS, J. HAMPDEN FIELD, JOS. H. SLOSS.

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of W. R. SPOONER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, would most respectfully report that this is an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in approving the following By-Laws of certain Subordinate Lodges:

1st. Requiring a vote upon an application for a visiting card.

2d. Fixing the weekly rate of dues in cents and fractions of a cent.

3d. Providing "that in case the regular Lodge meeting shall come on a holiday, the Lodge may, by vote, appoint another night."

Your committee are of the opinion that the supervision and approval of the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges belong and should be left to the State Grand Lodges, and that supervision should not be interfered with by this Grand Lodge unless the proposed By-Law is in direct conflict with the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee find nothing in the By-Laws approved by the Grand Lodge of New York that is in conflict with any of the laws of this Grand Lodge. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of W. R. SPOONER from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. ELLIOTT, A. R. COURTNEY, JOHN U. PERKINS,
E. W. MILLER, WM. W. MORRIS, THOS. S. SPATES,
JOHN G. CLARK, WM. WALLACE LEE, W. H. BAGLEY

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of JOHN DAVIES, Representative of Oriental Lodge *vs.* the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, your committee report that the facts to be considered in this case are as follows: P. G. REMICH, of Oriental Lodge, No. 10, was tried by a committee which found him guilty, as charged, and recommended that he be expelled. The report of the committee was accepted. The Lodge was then polled, and one hundred and twenty-one members entitled to vote were reported by the Warden. The ballot was then proceeded with, the

question having been called—"Have all the brothers voted who wish?" and a motion having been made and unanimously carried that all brothers who had not voted be excused, the ballot was declared closed. The Noble Grand then announced that the Lodge had acquitted B. J. REMICH, P. G. A statement of the result of the ballot was called for, and the Noble Grand stated that the whole number of votes cast was one hundred and eighteen—thirty-nine for defendant and seventy-nine in favor of the recommendation of the committee.

Claims were made by several brothers that 79 was two-thirds of 118, and that the recommendation of the committee was carried. The Noble Grand decided that brothers present and not voting should be counted, which would make the whole ballot one hundred and twenty-one. From this Bro. H. C. PICKERING appealed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Upon a review of the case the Committee on Appeals, basing their conclusion upon the theory that only one hundred and eighteen members entitled to vote were present when the ballot was taken, reported in favor of sustaining the appeal and of the expulsion of B. J. REMICH. That report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, from which action P. G. DAVIES appeals to this Grand Body.

From a careful investigation of this matter your committee find that the evidence clearly establishes the fact that at the time the ballot was taken in Oriental Lodge, No. 10, there were present and entitled to vote one hundred and twenty members. This number does not include the member convicted, who, though in the Lodge room, was not entitled to vote nor to be reckoned with those who were present and entitled to vote. Hence the number voting for expulsion (79) being less than the required *two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote*, the member was not legally expelled.

Your committee recommend that the appeal of JNO. DAVIES, P. G., be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS,	JNO. G. CLARK,	A. R. COURTNEY,
THOS. S. SPATES,	EZRA W. MILLER,	W. H. BAGLEY.
WM. W. LEE,	T. B. ELLIOTT,	

Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Granite Lodge, No. 14, of Biddeford, Maine, against the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to report:

The facts are as follows: Charges were preferred against EDWARD S. FROST, a member of Granite Lodge, for fraudulently gaining admission into the Lodge and wrongfully obtaining benefits therefrom, upon which he was tried and expelled. Bro. FROST appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maine, upon the ground, among others, that the Trial Committtee were nominated from the floor, in violation of the By-Laws of the Lodge requiring such committee to be appointed by the Noble Grand. For this reason the Grand Lodge of Maine sustained the appeal, and directed Granite Lodge to give Bro. FROST a new trial; and from this action of the Grand Lodge, Granite Lodge appealed to this Grand Body.

It was objected by Granite Lodge that the appeal of Bro. FROST was not taken within the time (three months) required by law, and should, therefore, have been dismissed. As to this objection there was a conflict of testimony, the character of the witnesses on neither side being impeached; and the law is universal that where there is a doubt the accused is entitled to the benefit of it. And upon the trial of a brother, where his character and membership are involved, the provisions of the law governing trials should be rigidly conformed

to. For these reasons we think the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine was right, and we recommend that the same be sustained and the appeal of Granite Lodge be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. BAGLEY,	WM. WALLACE LEE,	JOHN G. CLARK,
WM. W. MORRIS,	A. R. COURTNEY	JOHN U. PERKINS,
E. W. MILLER,	T. B. ELLIOTT,	THOS. S. SPATES.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 89, against the Grand Lodge of Indiana, would respectfully report the following as the result of their investigation of this case:

Bro. JOHN M. COOPER, a member of said Olive Branch Lodge, was tried by a committee of the Lodge on the usual charge, and the committee reported to the Lodge that the charge was not sustained for want of evidence. Before action was had on the report, the prosecuting attorney reported his inability to secure some important witnesses, and the report was therefore recommitted to the committee for further hearing. The committee, after due notice to the parties interested, opened the case again, and after a careful consideration of the evidence adduced, reported that they found the charge sustained on the first two specifications, and not fully sustained on the third. On the strength of this report, the brother was subsequently expelled from the Lodge. The action of the Lodge having been brought to the notice of the Grand Master, it was set aside by him for informality, and, in his communication, he informed the Lodge that its relation to the accused stood as though no charge had ever been preferred, leaving the Lodge the right to begin the prosecution anew. Acting upon this suggestion of the Grand Master, another committee was appointed to try the case, and they reported the charge sustained in all of its specifications. Whereupon the Lodge again expelled the brother. From this action an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge, and the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom the matter was referred, reported thereon against the Lodge, and concluded as follows:

"In view of the fact of the many errors in the trial and omissions in the record as presented, and the preponderance of the evidence showing that Bro. COOPER has not been guilty of conduct as charged, we are of the opinion the action of the Lodge should be reversed, and offer the following:

"*Resolved*, That the action of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 89, in expelling Bro. J. M. COOPER, is not warranted by the evidence, and that he be reinstated in said Lodge."

The Grand Lodge concurred in the action of the committee. Olive Branch Lodge then claimed that it had not been properly represented before the committee, and at the next session of the Grand Lodge, on recommendation of the Grand Master, the case was again referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. This resulted in three separate minority reports. One was signed by JOHN F. WILDMAN, one by WM. R. HOUGH, and the third by S. M. CAMBERN, and one other member of the committee. The first and second named reports sustained the appeal, and the third report sustained the Lodge. The record shows that a motion was first made to adopt the report submitted by S. M. CAMBERN, P. G. This was followed by another to amend by adopting the report of J. F. WILDMAN, P. G., which amendment was adopted. The record does not show that any further action was had on the matter, except the granting of leave to appeal. There is, therefore, no evidence that the report as amended was ever adopted.

The report of J. F. WILDMAN, P. G., after rehearsing the former proceedings, concluded as follows:

"We have again considered the case, and heard an exhaustive argument on behalf of the Lodge, and on the part of the accused. And for the reasons set forth in the former reports, and from the evidence then and now before us, I, as a minority of said committee, believe that after the brother was once tried, and the examining committee had failed to sustain the charges, he could not again be arraigned and tried for the same offence. I therefore, offer for adoption, the following.

"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge at the May communication, in case of the appeal of Bro. JOHN M. COOPER, from the action of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 89, be in all things approved."

The foregoing is a brief statement of a voluminous case as it is presented to this Grand Lodge, and your committee believe it covers all the points essential to the proper consideration of the case.

As to the guilt or innocence of the expelled brother no investigation has been made. The only question considered is: was he fairly and legally tried and expelled?

It is contended on the part of the Grand Lodge that Olive Branch Lodge tried the brother three times, whereas no one can be legally tried but once for the same offence. And furthermore, that as on the first trial, the committee reported the charge not sustained, the accused could not be tried again.

On the other hand, the Lodge claims that the recommitment of the case for further hearing was not a new trial, but simply a continuation of the trial. Or, in other words, that up to the time of the action of the Lodge expelling the brother there was but *one* trial. And they further claim that even if there were two trials up to that time, their whole action was set aside by the Grand Master, and that they were imformed by him they could proceed to try the brother the same as though nothing had been done. Acting upon this, charges were again preferred against the brother, and he was tried anew. This trial resulted as before, and the brother was again expelled in proper form.

Your committee, after a full and careful consideration of this case, have come to the conclusion that the Lodge is in the main right; for even if it were clear that the recommitment of the case to the committee could be properly called a second trial, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, a second trial is allowable, for the Constitution expressly provides that an appeal may be taken by a prosecuting witness the same as by one charged with an offence. It therefore follows that if the appeal by the prosecutor is sustained, another trial can be had. The laws of the Grand Lodge of Indiana do therefore contemplate that a second trial for the same offence may be had, and thus the action of Olive Branch Lodge, even on the supposition that on the first charge they did try the brother, the second time was legal.

These laws further provide that the decisions of the Grand Master are final, unless reversed by the action of the Grand Lodge. In the exercise of the authority thus vested in him, he set aside the first trial and allowed another to be had, and this action of the Grand Master was not reversed.

Olive Branch Lodge, under the authority thus conferred upon them, tried the brother the second time, and at this trial the accused was represented by counsel, and the evidence taken was full and complete. Under this trial the brother was again expelled, and therefore, whichever view of the case is taken, the action of the Lodge was legal and proper.

In view of the foregoing facts, and of all the circumstances connected with this case as they have come to the knowledge of your committee, they recommend that the appeal of Olive Branch Lodge be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,	R. A. BLANDFORD,	THOMAS STIRLING,
JOHN H. WHITE,	SILAS JOHNSTONE,	THOS. J. STALEY,
WILLIAM H. SMITH,	JOHN M. PRICE,	JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. STIRLING, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of H. H. BLANCHARD, of Janesville City Lodge, No. 90, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, respectfully submit the following report:

The papers in the case are informal. They are submitted in manuscript, are not certified to by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and do not show that the appellant has been granted leave to appeal.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS STIRLING,	JNO. H. WHITE,	WM. S. JOHNSON,
WM. H. SMITH,	SILAS JOHNSTONE,	JOHN M. PRICE,
JAMES WOODYATT,	R. A. BLANDFORD,	THOS. J. STALEY.

Rep. JOHNSTONE, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of B. S. MERRIAM, Grand Master of Iowa, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction, respectfully report:

The question is merely the construction of Article III., Constitution of Davenport Lodge, No. 7, Iowa, and the facts may be briefly stated as follows: Bro. WELLING WESTLAKE, a member of said Lodge since 1847, being infirm from extreme old age (he is over eighty years old, though not in ill health), to whom said Lodge was willing to pay, as a donation, the sum allowed by its By-Laws per week for its aged and indigent members, claimed, as of right and not as a charity, that he was entitled to regular benefits under the Constitution of said Lodge. Upon his appeal the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in 1876, reversed the action of Davenport Lodge and directed said Lodge to pay said WESTLAKE, from the 28th of December, 1874, the amount of weekly benefits up to the date of his suspension, as provided by the By-Laws of said Lodge, deducting therefrom whatever amount the brother had received since the 28th of December, 1874, either as benefits or donations. On petition of Davenport Lodge, setting forth that Bro. WESTLAKE's case came under Section 6, Article VIII., of its By-Laws, relating to aged and indigent members, the Grand Lodge of Iowa reversed its former decision, and from this action Grand Master MERRIAM appeals.

The Constitution of Davenport Lodge, No. 7, Article III., Section 23, declares "that every *bona fide* member entitled to benefits, according to this Article, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to receive such benefits as may be fixed by the By-Laws of said Lodge." Article VIII., Section 6, of the By-Laws, provides for the proper care of its old and indigent members who are not sick and are not entitled to such benefits.

Your committee are of opinion that this matter in no material point differs from the appeal of Bro. EDWIN ROUNDS from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, considered at a former session of this Grand Body (see Revised Journal, 1877, pages 7363 and 7450), which, in effect, decides that where the Constitution directs a provision to be made by the By-Laws, the latter must be

the guide in carrying out such provision, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the final action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in the matter of the appeal of Grand Master MERRIAM be sustained, and that the appeal herein be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS JOHNSTONE, R. A. BLANDFORD, THOS. J. STALEY,
JAMES WOODYATT, THOMAS STIRLING, JOHN M. PRICE,
JNO. H. WHITE, WILLIAM H. SMITH, WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. NEWELL, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The "Memorial of Grievance of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine," represents that the Grand Master whilst visiting Belfast Lodge, No. 41, on the evening of the 3d of January, 1879, for the purpose of installing the officers elect, failed to install said officers, and gave no reasons for not proceeding with the installation ceremonies; that on the 8th day of January, 1879, the Grand Master of Maine, accompanied by the Grand Marshal, demanded, received and took away with him the Charter, books, papers and funds of the Lodge, placed locks of his own upon the doors of the Lodge room, and put it in possession of keepers; that he gave no reason for doing so, not communicating with the Lodge in any manner.

The memorial also protests against the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine at its special session, called by the Grand Master, and held March 5th, 1879, to try Belfast Lodge, No. 41, as illegal; that its action should be declared null and void, and that the Grand Lodge of Maine should be directed to return to Belfast Lodge, No. 41, its Charter, books and property.

The call of the Grand Master in summoning the Grand Lodge to special session, states that it is "to try Belfast Lodge, No. 41, on the charges for which they have been suspended by the Grand Master," &c. In his communication to the Grand Lodge at the special session, he justifies his action in suspending the Lodge by stating that "the good of the Order clearly required it."

The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Maine, after specifying the various causes for which a Lodge may be suspended or dissolved and its property forfeited to the Grand Lodge, contain the following proviso: "But the Charter of the Lodge shall not in any case be forfeited until the Lodge shall have been duly notified, and an opportunity offered to answer the charges preferred against it."

The Grand Master took the Charter, books and funds on the 8th of January, 1879, and convened the Grand Lodge on the 5th of March, 1879, and there is no claim, nor any paper in evidence before the committee, that any charges were preferred against Belfast Lodge, No. 41, nor that an opportunity was offered said Lodge to answer to charges if they had been preferred.

The committee are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Master in failing to install the officers elect on the 3d of January, without giving any reasons for such refusal, was illegal, as the law gives power to the Grand Master to arrest the Installation Ceremony only when objections are raised at the time. The law of the Grand Lodge of Maine provides that "officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and shall be installed at the first meeting of the succeeding one." The Grand Master had plainly no authority to ignore that law.

The action of the Grand Master in taking away the Charter, books and funds of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, without charges being preferred against said Lodge, and an opportunity offered to the Lodge to answer to such charges, if they had

been made, was not justifiable; and the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine in sustaining the extreme course of the Grand Master, does not receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge.

The committee recommend that the Charter, books and property of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, which were removed by the Grand Master of Maine, on the 8th of January, 1879, be returned to said Lodge.

Your committee states that the testimony, upon which the special committee appointed at the special session of the Grand Lodge of Maine, before mentioned, and upon which they based their support of the action of the Grand Master, in the premises, has not been presented to us.

The committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. NEWELL, JOHN GIBSON, DAVID DOWNS,
JAMES L. DAVIS, JOHN MORGAN, AMOS HENDERSON.
D. B. TRACY,

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, asking for the adoption of a separate degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, respectfully report:

The committee would gladly recommend any measure to advance the Uniformed Patriarchs, consistent with propriety and the possibility of this Grand Lodge's sanction. Similar applications have been rejected heretofore as inexpedient. The following facts bearing upon the subject ought to be considered by those desiring the adoption of such a degree.

The Order generally is more inclined to reduce the number of degrees than to increase them. It would require unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to establish such a grade in the Order, and such an approval is not probable.

The Uniformed Patriarchs ought to understand that their success must depend upon their merit, and so long as they conform to existing regulations as a system, they may expect every reasonable encouragement that can be given them. The adoption of such a degree would be impracticable.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, JOHN T. GIVEN,
CHARLES M. BUSBEE, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. VERY, of Massachusetts, in regard to wearing of fringe on baldrics, and "white gloves," as additions to uniform for Uniformed Patriarchs, report:

As to the first, the following resolution is offered:

Resolved, That battalions of Uniformed Patriarchs are hereby permitted to wear fringe on their baldrics or not, as each Battalion may prefer, the intention being that uniformity of dress shall be observed.

As to the second, the committee report that the "white glove" properly belongs to the Subordinate Lodge regalia, and is not so appropriate for the Patriarch.

Respectfully submitted, TAL. P. SHAFFNER, CHARLES M. BUSBEE, JOHN T. GIVEN, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, is as follows:

"WHEREAS, Subordinate Lodges are empowered, under their charters, to confer the Degree of Rebekah, but under recent legislation are restricted from conferring said degree upon certain classes that are, by law, entitled to receive it; therefore, in order that the chartered rights of said Subordinate Lodges may be fully recognized, be it

"*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby, authorized to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon all persons that are qualified by the laws of the Order to receive said degree, and that all laws inconsistent with this resolution be, and are hereby repealed," beg leave to report as follows:

The recent legislation was adopted for the purpose of strengthening and building up the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and it is the opinion of your committee, that if the legislation asked for should be adopted, it would seriously impair, if not entirely defeat, the object for which the special privileges were granted. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the resolution should not be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FESSENDEN, J. A. MILLER, JOHN LAKE,
JOHN F. HAVENNER, W. B. KENNEDY, GEORGE S. MOORE.
H. S. WINN,

Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HASKINS, of New York, asking "that the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be requested to consider the propriety of more fully defining the position of a sister holding membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge who shall marry a person who is not a member of the Order," beg leave to report that the existing law permits a sister of the Degree of Rebekah to retain her membership, irrespective of the standing of her husband in the Order, and in the opinion of your committee the membership of a sister of the Degree of Rebekah who may marry a person not a member of the Order, should not depend upon or be governed by the relation which such person may hold in the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FESSENDEN, J. A. MILLER, JOHN LAKE,
JNO. F. HAVENNER, W. B. KENNEDY, GEO. S. MOORE.
H. S. WINN,

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, viz: Difficulty of Administration, on page 8026, would respectfully report the following:

Resolved, That in future, all general laws passed by this Grand Lodge, not otherwise specially provided for, shall go into effect on the 1st day of January after their passage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Weakley,	T. K. Wilson,	A. F. Craig,
John N. Gale,	M. P. Lindsley,	A. G. Walling,
C. M. Busbee,	Erie J. Leech,	John E. Rengstorff.

Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Lodges of Washington, Quebec, Arkansas and Minnesota, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they be approved with the following corrections:

Grand Lodge of Washington, Section 2, of Article V., reads: "Any member may be expelled from the Grand Lodge as such, for misconduct, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting after a copy of the resolution of expulsion shall have been served upon him," therefore making provision for the expulsion of a member, but not for trial. Your committee would recommend that the following words be inserted after the word misconduct in the second line, viz: "if convicted after a fair trial."

Grand Lodge of Quebec, Section 5, of Article III., reads: "All Representatives shall be furnished with properly executed credentials by their respective Lodges, and must have received the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees before taking seats in this Lodge." We recommend that the words "Past Official and," be stricken out.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Section 4, of Article II., reads: * * * * "And any member may, for unbecoming conduct, be reprimanded, suspended or expelled; provided, in all cases where it is practicable the accused party shall have opportunity for defence," * * * * We would recommend that the following words be stricken out, viz: "where it is practicable."

Arkansas—Section 7, of Article VI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge reads as follows: "No person shall be eligible to the offices of the M. W. Grand Master or R. W. Deputy Grand Master until he shall have been a member of this Grand Lodge one year," * * * * which, in the opinion of your committee, is in conflict with Section 1557, Digest of this Grand Lodge, and should be stricken out. Section 1557 reads: "State Grand Bodies cannot deprive Past Officers of certain rights guaranteed to them by virtue of their services as officers of Subordinates. These rights are, to seats in their Grand Lodges and Encampments, to vote for Grand Officers, and eligibility to office." We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the above named Grand Lodges be approved as corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Crane,	W. S. Newbury,	C. P. Dunbaugh,
Jas. A. Armstrong,	Norman Bailey,	Robt. Thompson.
Henry A. Taylor,		

Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it to be an amendment to Section 5, of Article V., reducing the salary of the Grand Secretary. The attention of your committee has been called by said officer to the manner in which the Constitution was amended. It appears that the Grand Lodge of Ohio is composed of seventy-eight Representatives, and the Constitution provides "that it shall not be altered or amended unless by a vote of two-thirds of *all* the Representatives." This amendment was declared adopted by a vote of ayes 51, noes 21. Fifty-one is not two-thirds of seventy-eight, therefore, the amendment was not legally adopted. Your committee would recommend that it be not approved.

We submit the following:

Resolved, That the amendment to Section 5, of Article V., of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio is disapproved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Crane, W. S. Newbury, C. P. Dunbaugh,
Jas. A. Armstrong, Norman Bailey, Robert Thompson.
Henry A. Taylor,

Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware; the R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia; the R. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado, also the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Tennessee, report that they have carefully examined the same, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitutions of the above named Grand Lodges and Grand Encampment, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Crane, W. S. Newbury, C. P. Dunbaugh,
Jas. A. Armstrong, Norman Bailey, Robert Thompson.
Henry A. Taylor,

Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, report that they have examined the same, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. Crane,
For the Committee.

Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, concerning the interpretation of the words "temporary absence" occurring in the charges to the Right Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand in the installation ceremony of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee the words "temporary absence," as used in the charge to the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand, in the ceremony of installation of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge, must be taken to mean the absence of the Noble Grand from his chair merely, while he still remains in the Lodge room or ante-room, which, under the law, constitutes a component part of the Lodge room. Whenever the Noble Grand *leaves the Lodge room* then the duty of occupying his chair devolves upon the Vice Grand.

And a like construction of the words "temporary absence" applies to the language of the charge to the Right Supporter of the Vice Grand.

In this connection your committee would call attention to a report of the Committee on the State of the Order, made at the last session of this Grand Lodge, page 7822 of the Revised Journal, and adopted, affirming a decision of the Grand Sire, to the effect that it is the duty of the Senior Warden in a Subordinate Encampment to occupy the chair of the Chief Patriarch during his temporary absence.

Your committee are of opinion that this decision should be reversed and made to harmonize with the above definition of "temporary absence." The word "absence" occurring in the installation charge to the Senior Warden, means the absence of the Chief Patriarch from the Encampment room and ante-room, and nothing more. Whenever the Chief Patriarch is *temporarily absent*, as defined in this report, his chair should be occupied by the First Watch.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Busbee,	M. P. Lindsley,	Jno. E. Rengstorff,
Erie J. Leech,	John N. Gale,	A. G. Walling,
J. L. Weakley,	T. K. Wilson,	A. F. Craig.

Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to which was referred the appeal of Winfield S. Tompkins, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, affirming the action of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, sustaining the action of Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of that State, in refusing to pay weekly benefits to said Bro. Tompkins, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That it appears from the papers submitted that the *case* is not complete, and that the *facts have not been settled* by the *Grand Lodge* of Rhode Island as required by the laws of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the matter of said appeal be referred back to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, with instructions to *settle all questions of facts therein* and certify the same over its seal and the signature of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Clark,	T. B. Elliott,	John U. Perkins,
E. W. Miller,	Wm. Wallace Lee,	Thomas S. Spates,
Wm. H. Bagley,	Wm. W. Morris,	Alfred R. Courtney.

Rep. Grisamore, of Louisiana, from the Special Committee on the Establishment of a Home for Invalid Odd Fellows, made

the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of the institution of a Home for Consumptive Odd Fellows, as appears in the Journal of this Grand Body of 1877, page 7348, and the subject of the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home in Jacksonville, Florida, as reported by the Committee on Miscellaneous Business at the session of 1877, page 7404, have given these questions their calm and careful consideration, and have no hesitation in asserting that the advantages our beloved Order would derive in the establishment of such an institution, under the sanction and supervision of this R. W. Grand Lodge, would redound greatly to the future prosperity of our fraternity, and cause a happy relief to our afflicted brethren who are now suffering, and are likely to suffer by pulmonary and other lingering diseases, the pains and sufferings of which may find solace in Southern climates.

The necessity for such an institution in the genial climate found in the State of Florida, becomes apparent when the fact is made known that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of sick and impoverished members of the Order annually seek relief from the cold rigors of the winters of the Northern and Western States, in the more agreeable ones found among the orange and magnolia groves of the South.

Jacksonville, in the jurisdiction of Florida, is the central position at which these invalids congregate, and is doubtless a point more suitable for their solace and restoration, than any to be found on the southern coast of the United States.

These invalids, as a rule, arrive in that locality with few, if any, resources to support themselves or to procure the necessary luxuries requisite for their comfort, other than are furnished by the visiting cards granted them by their respective Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which are inadequate for their maintenance.

In the vicinity of Jacksonville there are but two Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of less than one hundred, upon whom the burden of support and care of these wandering invalids devolves, when found penniless and, outside of the fraternity of Odd Fellows, friendless.

Right nobly and heroically have these great-hearted brethren exemplified their devotion to the principles of their Order in watching over the sick brother, and when life has wasted away, gently placed his body in the silent tomb, or sent it to its late home to be buried in the cemetery of his fathers.

These isolated Odd Fellows in Eastern Florida, have bravely resolved to build an asylum that shall be a Home for all invalid Odd Fellows who may find it necessary to avoid the rigorous climate of more northern latitudes and seek relief in the more genial climate with them, upon such terms as their regular weekly benefits will cover.

They propose to furnish a lot of ground, upon which a suitable Home can be erected to accommodate all applicants for aid, eligibly situated in the most beautiful and desirable portion of their city, and pledge all the ability and power they possess to make the Home a success.

But notwithstanding the zeal and practical fraternity of these devoted brothers, they find the consummation of so great an enterprise to be beyond their means and their financial ability.

They therefore come to this Body, and with an earnest desire to carry out the great command of Odd Fellowship—"to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and bury the dead"—ask such aid and assistance as this Grand Body can give. They ask no money from the treasury of this Lodge. They simply beseech this Sovereign Lodge to endorse the plan and approve the project of locating a Home for invalid Odd Fellows in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, subject to such restrictions and supervision as this Grand Body may direct.

With such endorsement, these heroic brethren are resolved to push forward this good work to completion as rapidly as possible, and when it shall have been accomplished, your committee believe that a monument, not to the Florida Odd Fellows, but to the Odd Fellows of the Independent Order *everywhere*, will have been erected, more memorable than all the statues of bronze or stone that our country has known, because it will be a place for ministering to the sick, for the alleviation of suffering, and the relief of the afflicted and distressed.

We, therefore, offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the effort and commends the noble purposes of the Odd Fellows of the jurisdiction of Florida, in furnishing a Home for invalid Odd Fellows, and recommends said Home as worthy the fostering care and assistance of all good members of the Order throughout the land.

Resolved, That all Grand Masters of State jurisdictions are requested to grant permission to the Trustees of the Invalid Home for Odd Fellows, in Jacksonville, Florida, to ask aid from the various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in their respective jurisdictions, when proper and legal application shall be made for that purpose through the R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Directors of said Home to report to this R. W. Grand Lodge at each session thereof, a complete statement of all contributions and moneys received, and from what source; of the amounts expended, and for what purpose; the number of invalids admitted, and from what jurisdictions; the number of deaths occurring, and the names of the deceased; the number remaining therein, and such other information as this Grand Body may desire, certified by the signature of the Grand Secretary, and attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master of each jurisdiction from which contributions have been permitted, shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Directors of said Home with power to appoint a proxy to represent him in said Board.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Grisamore, John H. Locke, Wm. H. Smith.
Chas. C. Pearce, Chas. A. Robbe,

Rep. Lake, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following resolutions offered by Rep. Lindsley, of Wisconsin:

"That the Committee on the Rebekah Degree be requested to consider and report on the propriety of admitting to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge the widow of an Odd Fellow, who at his decease was a dropped or suspended member. Also the widowed mother of an Odd Fellow who has attained the Scarlet Degree,"

Would respectfully report that we deem it inexpedient to legislate for the admission of the class of persons indicated by said resolution. We therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. Lake, H. S. Winn, W. B. Kennedy,
John F. Havenner, J. A. Miller, Geo. S. Moore.
A. L. Fessenden,

Rep. Elder, of Colorado, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Representatives from the jurisdiction of Arkansas, in which it is stated that the Charters of their Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment have been destroyed by fire, and asking that new Charters be issued to each of these Grand Bodies, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the proper officers be instructed to issue new Charters, free of charge, to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Arkansas, in place of those recently destroyed by fire.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. ELDER, NATH'L A. VERY, J. L. GREELEY,
GILBERT F. ROBBINS, WM. N. ANDREW, D. FERGUSON.
FRANK GRAHAM,

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Grand Secretary's report as relates to the History of Odd Fellowship, respectfully present the following:

The Representatives are familiar with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in the past respecting the preparation and issuing of this work. For some years it had been deemed eminently proper to have prepared an authentic history of this great institution by some one who was familiar with the events of the past, and the associated men who made the history by their zealous and faithful efforts to achieve a success for the Order, which, in their opinion, was so well adapted to the wants of man.

The production of this desirable work could only be accomplished by one man, and the person was our able and faithful officer, Grand Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY. His labors in that office for nearly forty years have identified him as an important part of the history of Odd Fellowship. For some ten years before he accepted the office of Secretary he had been an active Representative in this Grand Lodge, either for his own State or for others who sought his services in their behalf. These, however, were rendered in the second decade of the Order, but his associates were principally the same as those whose career had been active in the first decade. The proceedings of those early co-laborers in behalf of Odd Fellowship under the then existing circumstances have been but very briefly referred to in the works hitherto published; nor was it within possibility for any one of later years fellowship to comprehend, or even attain a limited knowledge of the efforts of the men who had toiled for the Order during the first and second decades.

During the first ten years of the Order but little progress was made towards perfecting the ornamentations of the organic structure that now marks the grand edifice of Odd Fellowship. But from 1830 and onward, RIDGELY and a few others gave to the institution a finish that has remained untarnished to the present day. All the roughness of the grand fabric was removed, and the polish each part received gave a brilliancy that reflected honor upon all who became its votaries. It was really within the epoch of the second decade that this finish and ornamentation of parts transpired. By his influence, his position in society and his educated discriminating powers, he became an acceptable leader in developing and expanding this grand enterprise for the good of man. Thus it was that this Order was so singularly blessed at that early epoch.

Such was the character of RIDGELY, then, and to this day we have him with us, uniting in his efforts for the furtherance of the blessings of Odd Fellowship.

This Grand Lodge selected him to write the early history of the institution, thus recognizing the fact, that he alone was fitted for the undertaking. On account of his enfeebled physical energies, he was fortunate in the selection of a co-worker, as editor, Grand Representative HENRY F. GAREY, who has for a long time been an active member of the Order. These two eminent brothers were well fitted to fulfill the important work entrusted to them.

No one unfamiliar with such an undertaking can appreciate the great labor that has been given in the production of the History of Odd Fellowship now under consideration. The work itself is one of transcendent success, and will be a lasting monument to those two eminent brethren who have produced it.

The committee feel assured that the whole brotherhood of Odd Fellowship will be greatly mortified on account of the delay that has been experienced in its general patronage. Every Lodge and every Encampment of the Order should have two or more copies of it, as a work of educational reference for their officers. Every member that has a desire to know something of the rise and progress of the institution ought to have a copy, as the information it contains will be calculated to inspire them with renewed admiration for the cause of Odd Fellowship.

The committee would respectfully suggest that Grand Representatives would embrace in their reports to their respective jurisdictions, the propriety of recommending the work to each Lodge and Encampment to purchase one or more copies for their officers and their successors, and also for the patronage of the membership generally. It seems that the work has paid comparatively nothing to the author. This Grand Lodge evidently anticipated a large circulation, one that would give him an intrinsic reward, that would have gone far towards relieving his earthly necessities and those depending upon him. Surely the Order will not be tardy in giving the work that pecuniary recognition it so eminently and singularly deserves.

The committee respectfully present the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, CHARLES H. RANDALL, W. N. ANDREW.
C. W. HEATON, CL. T. CAMPBELL,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized, to subscribe for copies of the said History of Odd Fellowship, which are to be subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to have the Revised Charge Book translated and printed in the French language.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8041, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, providing that members of a Grand Encampment in one jurisdiction shall be qualified for membership in a Grand Encampment of any other jurisdiction, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8044, from the same committee, on the

condition of the two branches of the Order, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, laid on the table.

The next report, page 8048, from the same committee, providing for a revision of the work, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution,

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the five resolutions, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The second resolution was considered and adopted.

The question being on the third resolution

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out "thirteen" and inserting "seven."

Rep. SPENCER, of Delaware, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "seven" and inserting "five," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to amend by striking out "thirteen" and inserting "seven," it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The fourth resolution was considered and adopted.

The fifth resolution was considered and adopted.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, moved to add as follows:

6. That all other committees on revision be discharged.

Which was agreed to.

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, moved to add as follows:

7. The Grand Sire is authorized to fill all vacancies that may occur in the committee.

Which was agreed to.

The next report, page 8049, from the same committee, requiring Secretaries of Lodges to keep a register of their members who are also Encampment members, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8050, from the Special Committee on Encampment Regalia, recommending a uniform regalia to be worn in Encampments, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. W. H. SMITH, of Maine, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 8053, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of a German translation of the ceremony for installing officers of Degree Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the question of Rep. HASKINS, of New York, as to the right of an Encampment to appropriate money to pay for music at the funeral of a Patriarch, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitutions of sundry Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8054, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 190, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of G. M. FOUGHT, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8055, from the same committee, on the appeal of GEORGE H. PLATNER, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8063, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend as follows:

Last paragraph, sixth line, strike out the word "sustained," and insert "reversed;" also, last line of same paragraph, strike out "dismissed," and insert "sustained."

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows:

Ninth paragraph, strike out the following: "steps should have been taken to have him in contempt before the Lodge, and if guilty, should have punished him therefor," and insert "the Lodge might have refused to grant the benefits claimed, setting forth the reasons therefor, and upon the brother appealing from said action, the nature and gravity of the offence might be presented as a justification of the action of the Lodge."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair announced the special order, the consideration of the report of the Legislative Committee of last session, page 8034, on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Strike out of the second resolution, "that a member whose dues, assessments and fines, which shall on the last meeting of either term aggregate the amount of one year's dues, shall be considered a *Dormant* Odd Fellow," and insert "that a member who shall be in arrears for one year's dues shall be considered a Dormant Odd Fellow."

The committee accepted the amendment.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the remainder of the resolutions, which was not agreed to.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the second resolution as amended by the committee,

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word "class," in the fifth line.

Which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The third resolution was considered and not adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution, Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the fourth line, and insert the following: "On a ballot by a majority of the votes cast, and upon the payment of such amount as the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment may prescribe."

Which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The question being on the fifth resolution,

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, moved to strike out the entire resolution, which was agreed to.

The sixth resolution was considered and adopted.

The seventh resolution was considered and adopted.

The eighth resolution was considered and adopted.

The ninth resolution was considered and adopted.

The tenth resolution was considered and adopted.

And the resolutions, as amended and adopted, were ordered to be printed in the Journal of this day, as follows:

Resolved, 1. That hereafter suspensions from membership for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be from *active* to *dormant* membership.

2. That a member who shall be in arrears for one year's dues shall be considered a Dormant Odd Fellow, and as such be debarred from benefits (both pecuniary and attentive), but his name shall be retained on a list for such class.

3. That a Dormant Odd Fellow may be restored to active membership upon application made in open Lodge or Encampment by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary or Scribe reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively, on a ballot by a majority of the votes cast, and upon the payment of such amount as the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment may prescribe.

4. That all members heretofore dropped or suspended for the non-payment of dues are hereby reinstated to a Dormant membership in the Order, from which they will be subjected and privileged to the conditions hereinbefore stated.

5. That a Dormant member, of either Lodge or Encampment, shall in no way be subject to a per capita tax to be paid by Lodges or Encampments for any purpose whatsoever.

6. That a Dormant Odd Fellow shall be subject to trial, suspension or expulsion from the Order for cause, under the law, the same as an Active Odd Fellow.

7. That all law inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions be and the same is hereby repealed.

8. That these resolutions shall take effect from and after their adoption.

The Chair announced the next special order, viz: the consideration of the pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first amendment, page 7729, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the

purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Chair declared the Lodge at recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment to Article XII. of the Constitution,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the proposed amendment and all amendments relating to biennial sessions, be postponed until the next annual session, which was agreed to.

The next amendment, page, 7778 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XVII. to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge as follows: Six dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and actual traveling expenses, including all traveling fare by the shortest traveled route from their places of residence to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge and return, and three dollars per day for board for each day of travel; *provided*, that no mileage shall be allowed to any officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7780 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article XVII. of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive a compensation for their services as may be voted by this Grand Lodge, not exceeding five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and mileage not exceeding ten cents per mile for each mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from

their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge; *provided*, that no compensation shall be allowed (except per diem) to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7791 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

Provided further, That members of civilized tribes of Indians residing on the continent of North America, who are otherwise qualified, may, at the discretion of this Grand Lodge, be admitted into the Order.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Rep. NEWBURY, of Oregon, moved that the further consideration of the amendment be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. WAGNER, of Mississippi, moved to lay the motion to indefinitely postpone on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Altman, Anderson, Armstrong, Bailey, Batterman, Beatty, Bigelow, Block, Buckingham, Charlton, Clark, Craig, Crane, Douglass, Dunbaugh, Elder, Elliott, Ferguson, Fessenden, Field, Ford, Gale, Gibson, Graham, Greeley, Hazlett (2 votes), Heaton, Hedges, Henderson, Hensel, Hogan, Housel, Hyde, Jakes, Jenckes, Johnson, Kelsey, Lake, Lee, Lehman, Lindsley, Locke, McKenzie, McLean, Meacham, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey, Moore, Morgan, Myers, Newell, Nutt, Perkins, Perry, Price, Sexton, Shaffner, Shearer, Shipley, Smith, of Connecticut, A. D. Smith, of Maine, W. H. Smith, of Maine, Staley, Stebbins, Stirling, Sweeney, Thomson, of Michigan, Tracy, Tucker, Very, Wagner, Walker, Weatherby, White, Wilson, of California, Winn, Woodyatt.—78.

NAYS.—Andrew, Bagley, Blandford (2 votes), Blanks, Boyles, Brandt, Busbee, Campbell, Cheney, Courtney, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Downs, Dye, Evans, Farrington, Garey, Given, Graves, Grisamore, Gwinner, Haskins, Havenner, Hearn (2 votes), Herring, Holland (2 votes), Johnstone, Jones, of

Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Leech, McCahan, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Morris, Morrison, Muckle, Newbury, Newman, Nicholson, Parson, Pearce, Randall, Rawlings, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robbins, Robinson, Seymour, Sheppard, Spates, Spencer, Stafford, Taylor, Thompson, of Tennessee, Underwood, Van Nort, Walton (2 votes), Weakley, Woodruff.—64.

The next amendment, page 7792 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XIV., Section 2, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIV., SECTION 2. Dues from State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments at the rate of five cents per member in each jurisdiction.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7830 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of May, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, that the Annual Session be held at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held, or if the Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7853 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine; *provided*, in case an epidemic disease exists in such place, or if such place be in possession of a public enemy, the M. W. Grand Sire, or Deputy Grand Sire, if acting in his stead, may designate such other place and time as he may deem best. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause

three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7868 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the Annual Session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held, or if the Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Altman, Anderson, Andrew, Armstrong, Bagley, Bailey, Batterman, Beatty, Bigelow, Blandford, Blanks, Block, Boyles, Buckingham, Busbee, Campbell, Charlton, Cheney, Clark, Courtney, Craig, Crane, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Douglass (2 votes), Downs, Dunbaugh, Dye, Elder, Elliott, Evans, Farrington, Ferguson, Fessenden, Field, Ford, Gale, Garey, Gibson, Given, Graham, Graves, Greeley, Grisamore, Gwinner, Havenner, Hazlett, Hearn (2 votes), Heaton, Hedges, Henderson, Hensel, Herring, Hogan, Holland (2 votes), Housel, Hyde, Jakes, Jenckes, Johnson, Johnstone, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Kelsey, Kennedy, Lake, Leech, Lehman, Lindsley, Locke, McCahan, McKenzie (2 votes), McLean, Meacham, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Moore, Morgan, Morris, Morrison, Muckle, Myers, Newbury, Newell, Newman, Nicholson, Nutt, Parson, Pearce, Perkins, Perry, Price, Randall, Rawlings, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robbins, Robinson, Sexton, Seymour, Shaffner, Shearer, Sheppard, Shipley, Smith, of Connecticut, W. H. Smith, of Maine, Spates, Spencer, Stafford, Staley, Stebbins, Stirling, Sweeney, Taylor, Thompson, of Tennessee, Thomson, of Michigan, Tracy, Tucker, Underwood, Van Nort, Very, Walker, Walton, Weakley, Weatherby, White, Wilson, of California, Winn, Woodruff (2 votes), Woodyatt.—138.

NAY.—Lee.—1.

The next amendment, page 7868 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XII. so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Wednesday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7869 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article XII. be so amended as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at 9 o'clock A. M., in the city of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, unless by vote it shall decide otherwise. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, the further consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7889 Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article IX., Section 2, to read as follows:

Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction ten thousand members or less in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand

Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives; *provided*, that this amendment shall in no way interfere with the term of office of Representatives elected before the adoption hereof.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. HERRING, of Texas, the further consideration of the amendment was postponed until the next session.

The next amendment, page 7895 Journal, as follows, was considered:

First. Repeal Article I., Section 1.
Second. Substitute for Article I., Section 1, the following:
This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "*The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*"
Third. That the words "Sovereign Grand" shall be substituted for the word "Grand" in each and every subsequent Article and Section of the Constitution where the same refers to the name of this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, moved that the further consideration of the amendment be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Altman, Anderson, Armstrong, Bagley, Bailey (2 votes), Batterman, Blandford (2 votes), Blanks, Boyles, Brandt, Busbee, Campbell, Charlton, Clark, Courtney, Craig, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Dunbaugh, Elder, Elliott, Evans, Farrington, Fessenden, Field, Ford, Garey, Gibson, Given, Graham, Graves, Greeley, Grisamore, Gwinner, Haskins, Havenner, Hazlett, Hearn (2 votes), Heaton, Hedges, Henderson, Hensel, Herring, Hogan, Holland (2 votes), Housel, Hyde, Jenckes, Johnson, Johnstone, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Kelsey, Kennedy, Lake, Lee, Leech, Lehman, Lindsley, Locke, McCahan, McKenzie (2 votes), McLean, Meacham, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Muckle, Newbury, Nicholson, Parson, Pearce, Perkins, Perry, Price, Rawlings, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robbins, Robinson, Seymour, Shaffner, Sheppard, Shipley, A. D. Smith, of Maine (2 votes), W. H. Smith, of Maine, Spates, Staley, Stebbins, Sweeney, Taylor, Thompson, of Tennessee, Tucker, Underwood, Van Nort, Very, Walton, Weakley, Weatherby, White, Woodruff, Woodyatt.—112.

NAYS.—Andrew, Beatty, Bigelow, Block, Buckingham, Cheney, Crane, Downs, Dye, Ferguson, Gale, Jakes, Miller, of New Jersey, Morgan, Myers, Newell, Newman, Nutt, Randall, Sexton, Smith, of Connecticut, Spencer, Stafford, Stirling, Thomson, of Michigan, Tracy, Walker, Wilson, of California, Winn.—29.

The Chair announced the next special order to be the assembling of the Lodge in committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the amendments to the Constitution, as submitted by the Grand Sire in his supplemental report.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, submitted the following:

I raise the following point of order: That the amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, as submitted by the M. W. Grand Sire, are improperly before this Body, upon the following grounds, viz:

1st. That the M. W. Grand Sire, by virtue of his office, has no power under our laws to propose amendments to our Constitution.

2d. That Article XXI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, expressly provides "that the Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by a proposition therefor, made by *one or more Representatives*, from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next Annual Communication."

The Chair declared the point of order not well taken, when Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, appealed from the decision.

The question being: Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Lodge? it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the special order be discharged, which was agreed to.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the following resolution of Rep. GWINNER, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to have the Revised Charge Book translated and printed in the French language,"

Would report that the Committee on Printing Supplies were directed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to have the same done, but have failed to do so. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies are directed to have the Revised Charge Book translated in the French language and one hundred copies printed in said language, and the sum of one hundred dollars (or so much thereof as is necessary), is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury unappropriated as will pay for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. DURHAM, C. C. BATTERMAN, GEO. HASKINS,
CHAS. H. RANDALL, D. B. WOODRUFF, JNO. T. GIVEN,
JOSHUA J. WALTON, JOHN E. MCCAHAN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, begs leave respectfully to present the following in the case of the appeal of SAMUEL BLACK against the Grand Encampment of Kansas.

At a regular meeting of an Encampment there were three applications for membership; the same were referred to committees for investigation and reported

upon at the next regular meeting, at which time, a ballot being taken, one of the applicants was elected and two rejected; after same had been taken it was discovered that four Patriarchs in the room had voted that were not entitled to (being over thirteen weeks in arrears); new ballots were then taken (all voting being in good standing), which resulted in the rejection of the one previously elected and the election of the two previously rejected.

The applications were voted on separately, and there were at this time in the Encampment enough members in good standing to constitute a quorum, all present voting. The General Law of the jurisdiction requires two black balls to reject.

The Grand Patriarch decided that the first ballots were void and the last legal. The Judiciary Committee of the Grand Encampment reported that the first ballot was void as to the two persons rejected, and valid as to the one elected, and this was sanctioned by the Grand Encampment. We think this decision was correct, but not alone, if at all, for the reason given by the committee. It is a general principle in legal procedure that no error or informality will reverse a decision, unless the error *may have affected the result.* The rule may be stated thus: If the error be such that it can be seen that it *could not by any possibility* have affected the result the decision will not be reversed, because the error has done no harm, but if it *might* by any possibility have affected the result, there is an error, and the decision will be overturned. In the case of the one elected, the illegal votes could do no harm, because all the votes, or at least all but one, were one way, and even if one ball was black, the candidate was still elected notwithstanding the black ball, and he was certainly voted for by a quorum of those entitled to vote. In the other cases the ballots were void for the reason that the disqualified brothers *may have voted* against the candidate, and thus changed the result from what it would have been had they not voted.

The Grand Patriarch of that jurisdiction also rendered the following decision; which was reversed by the Grand Encampment, viz:

"The following question was asked: Is a withdrawal card issued at a meeting where there are eight Patriarchs present, four of whom are in good standing, and four over thirteen weeks in arrears, valid?

"*Answer:* No. If a card was issued under such circumstances it should be returned to the Encampment issuing it, and the Patriarch would still hold his membership in said Encampment."

In this case we think the Grand Patriarch correct. Seven members are required to constitute a quorum, and we think they should be qualified members. Of course the acts of an Encampment meeting thus illegally constituted might be valid where the rights of third parties are involved.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Encampment of Kansas in the above case of balloting for candidates be affirmed, and that the other decision as to voting upon the granting of the clearance card be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. White,	Thomas Stirling,	Silas Johnstone,
Wm. S. Johnson,	Thomas J. Staley,	James Woodyatt,
William H. Smith,	R. A. Blandford,	John M. Price.

Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of N. G. Shelley, P. G. M., *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Texas, would respectfully report that this is simply a question of the right of the Grand Master of Texas to

appoint a Special Deputy, and is a matter purely for the Grand Lodge of Texas to decide. Said Grand Lodge has decided that the Grand Master has such power, and it appears to have been the practice of the several Grand Masters for more than twenty years to exercise such power.

Your committee do not think it is the policy of this Grand Lodge to interfere in such cases, and they recommend that the appeal be dismissed and the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. S. Johnson,	Thomas Stirling,	James Woodyatt,
Jno. H. White,	R. A. Blandford,	Thos. J. Staley,
John M. Price,	William H. Smith,	Silas Johnstone.

Rep. Stirling, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of Patriarch F. A. Marble, from the action of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, in declaring James Anderton elected Grand Scribe, your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

The question involved in this case is one of fact, as to which candidate received the highest number of votes for the office. The Grand Encampment caused the votes to be counted, and declared James Anderton duly elected.

Your committee believe this to be a question that the Grand Encampment was fully competent to determine, and would therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Encampment sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Stirling,	R. A. Blandford,	John M. Price,
John H. White,	Silas Johnstone,	James Woodyatt,
Wm. H. Smith,	Thos. J. Staley,	Wm. S. Johnson.

Rep. Leech, of Iowa, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to "basis of representation taxation and biennial sessions," have examined the same and report that as the subject matter will require amendments to our Constitution to carry them into effect, that the same be referred to this Grand Lodge in committee of the whole, to be considered at the same time action is had upon the supplemental report of the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

Respectfully submitted,

Erie J. Leech,	A. G. Walling,	John E. Rengstorff,
C. M. Busbee,	John N. Gale,	A. F. Craig,
T. K. Wilson,	M. P. Lindsley,	J. L. Weakley.

Rep. Miller, of Dakota, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the matter of appeal of Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, State of Maine, against the action of the Grand Lodge of said State, in the matter of the appeal of ELIAS BANKS, in behalf of his son, Bro. EDWARD P. BANKS, Jr., to said Grand Lodge, beg leave to submit the following as their findings therein:

1st. That from the records it appears that said EDWARD P. BANKS, Jr., was a member in good standing in said Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, at the time application for benefits was made in his behalf by his father, ELIAS BANKS.

2d. That said ELIAS BANKS demanded benefits only from December 6th, 1878, and no claim for benefits prior to that time was made.

3d. That said Ligonia Lodge refused to pay benefits as demanded, whereupon ELIAS BANKS, by his attorney, appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maine, and said Grand Lodge decided that Bro. EDWARD P. BANKS was entitled to benefits from December 4th, 1874.

Your committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Maine erred in allowing benefits from December 4th, 1874, instead of from December 6th, 1878, as applied for, and which it appears were the only benefits considered and denied in and by said Ligonia Lodge.

We therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained to this extent, to wit: to the extent of the allowance of benefits from December 6th, 1878. But your committee express no opinion as to whether Bro. EDWARD P. BANKS has any claim for benefits prior to December 6th, 1878, no claim therefor having been made upon Ligonia Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. MILLER,	A. R. COURTNEY,	JNO. U. PERKINS,
JNO. G. CLARK,	T. B. ELLIOTT,	WM. W. LEE,
THOS. S. SPATES,	W. H. BAGLEY,	WM. W. MORRIS.

Rep. White, of New York, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the annual report of JOHN T. HARCOURT, as Grand Master of Texas, he submitted the following as one of his decisions made during his term of office, viz:

"The Grand Lodge is the law-making power. The Grand Master has no authority to *ordain* or *enact* laws. In the intervals between the communications of the Grand Lodge he may, in doubtful cases, declare the laws and usages of the Order."

The Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas, to whom the decisions of the Grand Master had been referred, made a report, in which they say: "This decision is approved with the following modification: The Grand Master has authority in the intervals between the communications of the Grand Lodge, in doubtful cases, to declare the laws and usages of the Order, and to ordain and make rules of procedure in all cases where the same may be necessary, and where there is no law, usage or rule of action prescribed; and his ruling and decisions in all such cases are binding as law, until reversed by the Grand Lodge."

It is claimed on behalf of the committee of said Grand Lodge, that their report simply meant that the Grand Master in any given case in the recess of the Grand Lodge, had the authority, where there was no provision in the Constitution or By-Laws of the jurisdiction affecting the question of law to be decided, to determine and decide upon general legal principles what the law governing the particular case was, and that his decision when so made is

binding until reversed. If this is all the decision means, it is without doubt correct; but the language of the decision seems to have a greater scope and a broader significance. A Grand Master is not the law making power. He cannot ordain, enact or make laws or rules of proceedure. His functions are ministerial and judicial, not legislative.

He is the creature of the law and not the creator of it, and possesses only the powers conferred upon him by the law. The decision of the Grand Master was therefore correct, and should not have been modified. We therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,	THOS. J. STALEY,	JOHN M. PRICE,
WILLIAM H. SMITH,	THOS. STIRLING,	JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. S. JOHNSON,	SILAS JOHNSTONE,	R. A. BLANDFORD.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of HERMANN THAL, Noble Grand, and CONRAD VETTER, Vice Grand, of Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, from certain decisions of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, respectfully report as follows:

It does not appear from the papers in this case that the appellants asked or obtained the consent of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to their taking this appeal, as is required by Sections 78 and 87 of White's Digest, nor have they conformed to the requirements of Section 84, by sending up with their appeal the facts of the case, properly settled and certified by said Grand Lodge, and while the questions raised by this appeal are very simple, and appear to have been correctly decided by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, yet the brethren appealing therefrom have so entirely disregarded the rule of this Body concerning the preparation and presentation of appeals, that this committee has no right authoritatively to consider or pass upon the matters and questions mentioned in the paper sent up by them, and referred, as above stated. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. COURTNEY,	THOS. S. SPATES,	T. B. ELLIOTT,
WM. W. MORRIS,	WM. WALLACE LEE,	JNO. G. CLARK,
WM. H. BAGLEY,	E. W. MILLER,	JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully report that the various matters referred to the committee have been duly considered, and upon those subjects that require specific action, the following recommendations are submitted:

1. The committee concur in the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Sire that authority be given to the Grand Lodge of Australasia to issue diplomas, to be used among the members under its jurisdiction, of such style and design

as to it may seem best, and that such authority be and is hereby conveyed by the approval of the recommendation of the Grand Sire.

2. The committee recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Chile in expelling the late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge from the Order, without the observance of the legal formalities of a trial, be and is hereby declared to be null and void and of no force and effect, and the Grand Lodge of Chile is hereby directed to prefer charges against the late Grand Secretary, and to try him according to the rules and regulations of the Order, in such cases made and provided; and, further, that it direct the Subordinate Lodge to which the late Grand Secretary belongs, to try him upon charges in the same form and manner.

The matter of qualification for membership will be considered in the form of an amendment to the Constitution at this session, and therefore no recommendation from the committee is requisite to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

The Foreign Correspondence has been conducted with the usual ability that has always characterized that branch of the duties of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and appears to require no special action.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Nicholson, Tal. P. Shaffner, C. Miller,
George H. Bigelow, John R. Miller, E. H. Spencer.

Rep. Garey, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Sire which asks for legislation fixing the ratio of dues and benefits, beg leave to report that the subject is one which vitally affects the welfare and duration of the Order, and can only be solved after a long and exhaustive examination of all its bearings upon our monetary system. The reports made from time to time by the Committee on Dues and Benefits have shed much light upon the matter, and given us very valuable statistics for future use. But after all we are satisfied that much more must be done in the way of preparatory facts and figures before we can afford to legislate on the subject. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Garey, J. H. Field, O. G. Douglass,
J. W. Stebbins, J. C. Underwood, Geo. B. Boyles.
J. H. Sloss, Isaac A. Sheppard,

Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of M. M. Harris *et al. vs.* the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, beg leave to report that the facts in the case are as follows:

Bro. Julius Bumberger, a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, desired to obtain a withdrawal card from his Lodge in order to join another Lodge.

Columbia Lodge not having held any meeting for two terms, he was unable to obtain a withdrawal card. The brother made application to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for a card. Although the Charter of Columbia Lodge had not been reclaimed or declared forfeited, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee granted Bro. BUMBERGER a card. From this action of the said Grand Lodge the appeal under consideration was taken to this Grand Lodge. After fully considering the subject the committee would declare that the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is illegal, and the card granted by it to Bro. BUMBERGER null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, J. HAM PERRY, FRANK G. BEATTY,
M. D. HERRING, WILLIAM E. HOGAN, W. R. MYERS.
HENRY C. HEDGES, JNO. F. VAN NORT,

Rep. BEATTY, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following question submitted by Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, to wit:

"If between the time of the institution of a Subordinate Encampment and the granting of a Charter therefor, one of the petitioners for the Warrant is expelled from the Order, can the name of said expelled applicant be omitted from the Charter on the request of the Subordinate Encampment with the approval of the Grand Encampment?"

Beg leave to report that the Charter of a Subordinate Encampment being a confirmation of matters of record as contained in the Warrant, it is not within the province of a Subordinate or Subordinate Grand Body to change or vary the record of facts contained in said Warrant when the Charter is issued.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. BEATTY, HENRY C. HEDGES, JNO. F. VAN NORT,
M. D. HERRING, SAM'L F. GWINNER, E. H. THOMSON.
W. R. MYERS,

Rep. GIBSON, of Ontario, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the correspondence between Oriental Lodge, No. 36, and the R. W. Grand Secretary, have had the same under consideration, and as it appears, after consultation with the Representatives from Vermont and Quebec, that the matter is one which the authorities of the two jurisdictions named feel themselves able to settle amicably without any interference from this Grand Lodge, your committee would ask to be relieved from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GIBSON, JOHN MORGAN, D. BURNHAM TRACY,
WM. A. NEWELL, AMOS HENDERSON, DAVID DOWNS.
JAMES L. DAVIS,

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

Amend Section 5, Article I., of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 5. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto; and to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a four-fifths' vote of the members of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN U. PERKINS, Massachusetts, I. C. STAFFORD, Texas,
CHAS. A. ROBBE, Georgia, HENRY F. GAREY, Maryland,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, Kentucky.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend Article VII., Section 1, of the Constitution, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII., SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys and all the evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, etc., of the Grand Lodge, and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated communication in September, biennially, a full and correct statement of his accounts. Before his installation he shall give a bond, with at least two sureties, to the Grand Lodge, in such sum as may from time to time be fixed; and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

Amend Article XV., Section 2, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV., SECTION 2. The nomination and election of officers shall take place on the second day of each communication. The nominations for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election for the same; and before the nominations and election for the next office.

Amend Article XXI., so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different jurisdictions, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular communication. At the next regular communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a three-fourths' vote of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, Pennsylvania, HENRY F. GAREY, Maryland,
ERIE J. LEECH, Iowa, C. M. BUSBEE, North Carolina,
FRANK G. BEATTY, California.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XXI. of the Constitution by striking out the present provision and inserting as follows:

ARTICLE XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular annual communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal and lie over until the next annual communication. At the next regular annual communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or

amendment shall become part of this Constitution; *provided, nevertheless*, that at the session at which said vote shall be had, any amendment may be made to the original proposition without previous notice, which will not materially change the substance of the originally proposed amendment.

HENRY F. GAREY, Maryland, W. B. KENNEDY, Ohio,
JNO. U. PERKINS, Massachusetts, WM. W. MORRIS, Kentucky.

On motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, on page 7781, Journal of 1878.

The question being on the adoption of the By-Law, on motion of Rep. HERRING, of Texas, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Through the kindness and courtesy of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. passed a very pleasant and agreeable day yesterday at Pen-Mar and High Rock; and

WHEREAS, The Committee of Arrangements appointed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, were untiring in their efforts to promote the comfort of the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Sovereign Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland; also, to the members of the Committee of Arrangements for their efforts to promote the happiness and comfort of the persons placed under their charge.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions properly attested, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, to convey to them the assurance of our appreciation of their kindness, and that the emotions which filled the soul of every member of this Sovereign Grand Lodge as he stood upon the High Rock and viewed one of the grandest panoramas of the work of nature he ever beheld, will not be soon forgotten.

Rep. EVANS, of Washington, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and asked that the same be entered on the Journal of this Grand Body:

At the R. W. Grand Lodge of Washington, I. O. O. F., in session at Seattle, May 14th, 1879, the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. THEO. A. ROSS, R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., has kindly rendered timely and efficient aid to the Order throughout this Territory, by his valuable assistance in bringing our application for a Grand Charter before the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., with a full representation of our Subordinate Lodges; and highly appreciating the advantages secured by his assistance, be it therefore

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge for itself, and in behalf of the jurisdiction of Washington, are hereby cordially tendered to our worthy brother, THEO. A. ROSS, R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Resolved, That Bro. W. W. EVANS, our R. W. Grand Representative, be instructed to submit the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at its next session, and ask that the same may be entered on the Journal of that Grand Body.

The above is a true copy T. N. FORD, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, Owing to the recent legislation of this Grand Lodge in reference to the Degree of Rebekah, there has been a conflict of opinion in regard to the power of a Subordinate Lodge in the premises, and believing that the time has arrived when Subordinate Lodges should be restricted from conferring the Degree of Rebekah, therefore,

Resolved, That henceforth Subordinate Lodges shall not confer the Degree of Rebekah upon any of their members, and that it shall not be required of the N. G. or V. G. of a Lodge to have received the Degree of Rebekah prior to their installation.

Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall appropriate more than five per cent. of its Lodge or Encampment funds, nor in any case more than one hundred dollars, in any one year, for the purpose of celebrating the 26th of April.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to "charts, certificates, emblems, &c.," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

That the subject is neither new nor well defined, the same having been repeatedly passed upon by this Grand Body. Without, however, reciting the text of that action it may be sufficient for present purposes to state that while such action is somewhat conflicting and contradictory, yet, the weight of the evidence preponderates in favor of allowing individuals, under proper restrictions, to use the *emblems*.

But as regards the use of charts, certificates and diplomas, the line between the legal and illegal use of them is not so clearly defined, in so far as it relates to their use by individuals. Still, the decisions and usages of the Order, when interpreted by the spirit of our peculiar organization, leaves little doubt in the minds of your committee as to *where* that line ought to be.

These, the charts, certificates and kindred forms, are solely the property of this Grand Lodge and are so declared to be, that as such only this Grand Body has the right to publish and use them.

With respect to the particular form of chart, certificate or whatever it may be, set forth and referred to in the Grand Sire's report, presented by Messrs. M. C. LILLEY & Co., your committee classify it with the "*forms*" exclusively the property of this Body, and as such is an infringement of the rights reserved to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That all the "forms," whether of chart, certificate, diploma or kindred forms published by this Grand Lodge, are exclusively the property of said Body, designed by it and necessary to its welfare and prosperity.

Resolved, That M. C. LILLEY & Co. and all other Odd Fellows publishing them, be required to discontinue the same, as being in violation of the laws and usages of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LINDSLEY,	T. K. WILSON,	A. G. WALLING,
ERIE J. LEECH,	JOHN N. GALE,	A. F. CRAIG,
C. M. BUSBEE,	J. L. WEAKLEY,	JOHN E. RENGSTORFF.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the Manchester Unity, having considered the same, beg leave to report:

That while they concur in the main with the views expressed by the Grand Sire in his report, they deem the subject of such vital importance to the two great Orders as to demand the most careful consideration at the hands of this Grand Lodge.

That while they commend the noble spirit of the Manchester Unity in desiring the accomplishment of so grand an object as the fraternizing of these Bodies, still the magnitude of the good which may result to and be mutually shared by them, admonishes us to act with deliberation, in order that we may act wisely.

Therefore, in view of the large volume of business already presented at this session to this Grand Body and demanding our earnest attention, and also, in view of the short space of time which custom has fixed for the transaction of the same, your committee feel compelled, in justice to themselves, the large brotherhood they represent, and the grave character of the subject involved, to recommend the following:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject-matter herein referred to, be and the same is hereby postponed till the next session.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LINDSLEY,	A. F. CRAIG,	A. G. WALLING,
ERIE J. LEECH,	C. M. BUSBEE,	JOHN E. RENGSTORFF.
JOHN N. GALE,	T. K. WILSON,	

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, seconded by Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved the following:

Resolved, That the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, to hold the Annual Session in 1880, of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the city of Toronto, province of Ontario, be and the same is hereby accepted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Rules be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the Eighth Rule of Order so as to provide for the appointment of only one Committee on Appeals, said committee to be appointed by the Grand Sire, and to hold over for one year, to meet on the Tuesday preceding the session of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of considering appeals and preparing reports; and, if found expedient, to report the proper amendment to said rule.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 19, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
LUTHER J. GLENN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
NATHAN TAYLOR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
B. H. WOODELL.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.
JOHN. W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. C. P., from the action of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. WAGNER, of Mississippi, submitted the following:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In accordance with instructions from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi, we hereby submit the report of a special committee appointed at the last session of that jurisdiction, to take into consideration the report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, as relates to the yellow fever fund, which we tender as a tribute of our appreciation for the liberal responses to our calls for help in our time of trouble and tribulation, to our brothers of other jurisdictions, for their prompt and liberal responses to the call of our Grand Master.

Respectfully,

A. B. WAGNER, JOHN H. McKENZIE,
Grand Representatives of Mississippi.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PASS UPON THAT PORTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT AS RELATES TO THE YELLOW FEVER FUND.

The Special Committee appointed to pass upon that portion of the R. W. Grand Treasurer's report as relates to the "Yellow Fever Fund," submitted the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Mississippi:

Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Treasurer's report which relates to his management of the funds placed in his hands for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers during the epidemic of 1878, respectfully report: That we find said report so full and ample and at the same time so satisfactory that we cordially recommend its entire approval by the Grand Lodge. We further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, fully appreciating the eminent services rendered in the cause of suffering humanity, by our M. W. Grand Master, JOHN H. McKENZIE, and R. W. Grand Treasurer, J. L. POWER, during the late terrible epidemic, and profoundly conscious that, in the administration of their sacred trust, they have not only won the highest honors that can be accorded to true manhood, but that their conduct has reflected credit upon Odd Fellowship itself, we desire to give expression to the deep and lasting affection and regard entertained by the brothers of this jurisdiction for these distinguished officers.

We recognize the fact that they have fairly won the "Golden spurs of Knighthood," and that henceforth they must march in the van of our great brotherhood —leaders, indeed, in thought and action.

Upon our records should be engraven, in letters of gold, a tribute to their unfaltering courage, tireless energy, and distinguished devotion to duty, that those who come after them may know how Odd Fellowship has stood the test of danger and of trial.

And when the history of the epidemic of 1878 comes to be written, the faithful chronicler of the events of those troublous days will attest their devotion to truth and justice by dedicating a page in that sacred volume in commemoration of the noble work performed by JOHN H. McKENZIE and J. L. POWER; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge further evidences its admiration and love for our worthy brothers by adopting, by a rising vote, a resolution of thanks for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged the other high and onerous duties of their respective stations.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge desires to make public and fitting acknowledgment of their heartfelt gratitude to our brothers of other jurisdictions for

their prompt, cordial and liberal response to the call of our Grand Master for assistance in our days of trial and hour of need.

The plague of 1878, coming upon our people with startling suddenness and unprecedented severity, our own resources for relief were soon exhausted, and but for the timely and liberal aid of our brothers in more favored localities, the distress and suffering in our own jurisdiction must have been vastly greater than they were.

We would like our brothers to know and feel that we are not ungrateful for their kindness, nor unmindful of the charitable and Christian spirit in which their aid was tendered.

May their generous acts of practical charity and active benevolence return to them as blessings, as angels of mercy and consolation, in any trial through which they may be called to pass, and ever plead for them before the throne of our Father and our God.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., take proper steps to communicate to our brothers the gratitude and feelings of this Grand Lodge, either by communicating a copy of the foregoing resolutions or otherwise, as they may deem best.

JOSEPH HIRSH, D. N. BARROWS,
H. S. VAN EATON.

A true copy.
J. T. McCown, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That no new business shall be introduced during the remainder of this session, except by unanimous consent.

Rep. Hogan, of Maine, moved the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That when a Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment assumes to deny to one of its members the right of appeal to this R. W. Grand Lodge, from the action of said Subordinate, it assumes a position not consistent with our laws or the spirit of our institution; for the consent of a Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is not necessary to enable a member of said Subordinate, in good standing, to appeal from its action to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, by request of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented the action of said Grand Body (pp. 2383–5, Journal Grand Lodge of Ohio), touching the Rebekah Degree, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. Blanks, of Virginia, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That wherever the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" occur in Articles 1, 4, 5, 8, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 29 and 30 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, they be stricken out and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, and Bay City Lodge, No. 71, of California, advanced $375 each, to the Deputy Grand Sire in 1878, to assist in the Mission to Australasia, therefore

Resolved, That the Finance Committee take the subject under consideration and report to this Grand Lodge what is proper in the premises.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which (the rule being suspended) was considered:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. SHEPPARD, in regard to mileage and per diem, found on page 8050 Journal, have had the same under consideration, and in lieu thereof offer the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of Officers and Representatives in attendance at the present session, at eight cents per mile (one way) by the nearest traveled route, and five dollars per day for six days' attendance.

2. *Resolved further*, That the Officers and Representatives coming from jurisdictions fifteen hundred miles or more, from Baltimore (by the nearest traveled routes) to attend this session, be allowed twenty per cent. additional to the eight cents per mile allowed by the first resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, C. C. BATTERMAN, D. B. WOODRUFF,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JOSHUA J. WALTON, GEO. HASKINS,
JNO. E. MCCAHAN, JNO. T. GIVEN, M. J. DURHAM.

The question being on the first resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolutions were adopted, Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved to reconsider the vote by which the second resolution, submitted by the Legislative Committee of last session, (amended as on page 8100 Journal), was adopted.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Rep. PARSON, of Missouri, moved to lay the motion on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend so as to read as follows:

2. That a member who shall be in arrears for more than one year's dues may be, by formal action of the Lodge, declared to be a Dormant Odd Fellow, and as such be debarred from benefits (both pecuniary and attentive), but his name shall be retained on a list for such class; *provided*, that before any member can be dropped from active to dormant membership, notice of such contemplated action shall be given him.

Which was adopted.

The question being on the resolution as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem was instructed to allow two days' extra compensation to each of the six members of the Legislative Committee of 1878, who came to Baltimore in advance of the session.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

1. Amend Article II. as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the article will read:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

2. Amend Article III., Sections 1 and 2, as follows: Strike out "Most Worthy," "Right Worthy," "Corresponding and Recording," so that the sections will read:

ARTICLE III., SECTION 1. The Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treaurer, who shall be elected by ballot by a majority of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September, and shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication.

SEC. 2. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and, if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.

3. Amend Article IV., Section 3, as follows: Strike out the letters "M. W." and "R. W.," so that the section will read:

ARTICLE IV., SECTION 3. In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American

possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the Grand Sire and the Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office; and, at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office.

4. Amend Article VI., as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the article will read:

ARTICLE VI. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the Journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine.

5. Amend Article IX., Section 2, so as to read:

ARTICLE IX., SECTION 2. Each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to one Grand Representative only.

6. Strike out Article X.

7. Amend Article XIV., so as to read:

ARTICLE XIV. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised as follows, viz.

1. By fees for Charters of Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

2. By dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, at such rate on each member of the Order in each jurisdiction as this Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine.

3. By such dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as it shall fix.

4. By proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes, and other publications of the Grand Lodge.

8. Amend Article XVI., Section 2, so as to read:

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 2. No person shall be admitted into the Order except free white males of good moral character and twenty-one years of age, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however, that in Australasia, including New Zealand and Tasmania, and in other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age and color shall be left to the local legislation of such Grand Lodges.

Provided further, that in the Sandwich Islands, natives thereof, or persons of mixed blood, may be admitted into the Order in the discretion of the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments there.

Provided further, that members of civilized tribes of Indians, residing on the continent of North America, who are otherwise qualified, may be admitted into the Order.

9. Amend Article XVIII., so as to read:

ARTICLE XVIII. With the previous consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any sovereign jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship recognized by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expenses of such special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the Treasury of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge, who may be duly accredited from the same as a special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberate voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings thereof.

10. Change the numbers of Article XI. to X., and succeeding Articles XII. to XXI. inclusive, to XI. to XX. inclusive.

GEO. B. BOYLES, Tennessee.
WM. CHENEY, Minnesota.
WM. H. SMITH, Maine.
R. J. JONES, North Carolina.
A. R. COURTNEY, Virginia.
THOS. S. SPATES, W. Virginia.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8064, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend by striking out of the resolution the word "dismissed" and inserting "sustained in consequence of default by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in not making the return required by the action of this Grand Lodge at the last session."

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, moved to recommit the appeal to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to complete the record as directed at the last session, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, it was not adopted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend by adding the following:

"Without prejudice to his right to apply to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for permission to appeal."

Which was agreed to, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order, viz: The consideration of the following additional By-Law, as found on page 7781, Journal of 1878:

ARTICLE —. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive, out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and eight cents per mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge; *provided*, that no mileage shall be allowed to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

The question being on the adoption of the By-Law,

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next Annual Session, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the By-Law,

Rep. BATTERMAN, of Nevada, moved to amend by striking out "eight cents" and inserting "the actual amount paid for transportation."

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

By unanimous consent,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all laws of this Grand Lodge upon the subjects of suspended membership, restoration of suspended members, and of the granting of dismissal certificates, not inconsistent with the action of this Grand Lodge at the present session upon the subject of "Dormant Membership," be and the same are hereby declared to be in full force and to fully apply to Dormant members.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during the remainder of this session no member shall be permitted to speak more than five minutes on any question before the Lodge.

The consideration of reports was resumed.

The first report, page 8065, from the Special Committee on "Endowment Benefit," was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. McCahan, of Maryland, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Associations" in the third line of the resolution.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "the Grand Lodges of the respective jurisdictions and the" in the fourth and fifth lines; the words "Grand Bodies and" in the sixth line; the words "under their jurisdiction" in the sixth and seventh lines, and also the words "either Grand or" in the seventh line.

Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky, moved that the rule limiting debate to five minutes be suspended during the consideration of the present report, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. McCahan, of Maryland, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Altman, Armstrong, Bagley, Blandford (2 votes), Blanks, Block, Boyles, Brandt, Buckingham, Busbee, Campbell (2 votes), Charlton, Cheney, Courtney, Crane, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Downs, Dunbaugh, Dye, Elder, Evans, Farrington, Ferguson, Field, Ford, Gale, Gibson (2 votes), Given, Graves, Grisamore, Gwinner, Hearn, Heaton, Hedges, Henderson, Herring, Holland, Johnson, Johnstone, Jones, of North Carolina, Kelsey, Lake, Lee, Leech, Lehman, Locke, McKenzie, McLean, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey, Minturn, Moore, Morgan, Morris, Morrison, Muckle, Newbury, Newman, Nicholson, Nutt, Pearce, Price, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robinson, Sexton, Seymour, Shaffner, Sheppard, Sloss, Spencer (2 votes), Stafford, Staley, Stebbins, Sweeney, Taylor, Thompson, of Tennessee, Underwood, Van Nort, Wagner, Walker, Walton, Weakley, Welch, Woodruff.—91.

Nays.—Anderson, Andrew, Bailey, Beatty, Clark (2 votes), Craig, Elliott, Fessenden, Garey, Greeley, Haskins, Havenner, Hazlett (2 votes), Hensel, Housel, Jenckes, Jones, of Maryland, McCahan, Miller, of West Virginia, Myers, Newell, Parson, Perkins, Rawlings, Robbins, Shearer, Shields, Shipley, Smith, of Connecticut, A. D. Smith, of Maine (2 votes), W. H. Smith, of Maine (2 votes), Spates, Stirling, Thomson, of Michigan, Tracy, Very (2 votes), Walling, Weatherby, Wilson, of California, Winn.—45.

The next report, page 8066, from the Special Committee on the Translation of the Ritual, received from the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, in regard to the rights and privileges of Past Grand Sires, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after "to wit" in the fourth line, and insert "That the decision of this Grand Lodge in 1864 has so construed the organic law of this Body as to give Past Grand Sires the right to serve on committees, and it is not advisable to reverse that decision."

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Altman, Block, Boyles (2 votes), Campbell (2 votes), Clark, Craig, Davis, of Montana, Elder, Elliott, Evans, Farrington, Gale, Gibson (2 votes), Given, Graves, Grisamore, Haskins, Housel, Johnson, Leech, Lindsley, Miller, of Dakota, Moore, Morris, Muckle (2 votes), Parson, Shaffner, Shearer, Sheppard, Shipley, Staley, Thompson, of Tennessee, Tracy, Underwood, Walker, Walton, Weatherby, White.—42.

NAYS.—Anderson, Andrew, Armstrong, Bagley, Bailey, Batterman, Beatty, Blandford (2 votes), Blanks, Brandt, Buckingham, Charlton, Cheney, Courtney, Crane, Davis, of Arkansas, Douglass, Downs, Ferguson, Fessenden, Field, Ford, Garey, Greeley, Gwinner, Havenner, Hazlett (2 votes), Hearn, Heaton, Hedges, Henderson, Hensel, Herring (2 votes), Hogan, Holland (2 votes), Jakes, Jenckes, Johnstone, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Kelsey, Lake, Lee (2 votes), Lehman, Locke, McCahan, McKenzie (2 votes), McLean, Meacham, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Morgan, Myers, Newman, Nutt, Perkins, Price, Randall, Rawlings, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robbins, Robinson, Sexton, Seymour, Shields, Sloss, Smith, of Connecticut, A. D. Smith, of Maine, W. H. Smith, of Maine, Spates, Spencer, Stebbins, Sweeney, Taylor, Thomson, of Michigan, Van Nort, Very, Wilson, of California, Winn, Woodruff.—89.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report,

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next Annual Session, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. GIBSON, of Ontario, submitted the following telegram:

Toronto, Canada, Sept. 19th, 1879.

To Ontario Delegation Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.:

Hail to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Our most cordial welcome will be given. Convey our high appreciation of the honor conferred.

TORONTO.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That D. BURNHAM TRACY, G. R., (Detroit, Mich.,) be invited to ascertain what arrangements for reduced rates, if any, can be made for transportation of members to the next Annual Session in Toronto.

Rep. SLOSS, of Alabama, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. free of charge (except express charges), and with one copy of White's Digest and Book of Forms at cost.

Rep. HEARN, of Alabama, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee appointed "to prepare an appropriate Funeral Service, to be held in the Lodge room," beg leave to submit the following as appropriate for the Lodge room, house or church:

(The Lodge or Encampment being called to order)

NOBLE GRAND [OR CHIEF PATRIARCH]. Brothers:—We are assembled on an occasion of mournful interest. Often have we been reminded, in the solemn ceremonies of our Order, of the great truth that we were born to die. Mortality has been presented to our view, that we might the more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life, where death comes no more forever. We are reminded by this sad and mournful event that another spirit has taken its departure. A brother has been summoned and has responded to the call The burning taper of life has been extinguished and a brother is dead. All that remains of him lies mute before us. The light of the eye has gone out, and the lips which once breathed the language of fraternal greetings, are silent. The strong man is powerless, and lost to us forever this side the grave. The silver cord is loosed—the golden bowl is broken. The dust must return to the earth as it was, and the spirit has gone to God who gave it. We pay our mournful tribute of affection this day and bury our dead out of our sight. It is meet and right, at such time, while in the presence of the dead, that we should be silent, and let the words of the Infinite speak, that we may gather consolation, and that lessons of wisdom and instruction may impress upon our minds the importance of a suitable preparation for the last great change which must pass upon us all.

Let us be reverently attentive while our Chaplain reads from Holy Writ.

CHAPLAIN. "Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet Thou dost destroy me. Is there not an appointed time to man upon the earth? Are not his days also like the days of an hireling? If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? One generation passeth away and another cometh. The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away. For He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust. For we are strangers before Thee and sojourners, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

"Lord, make me to know mine end and the measure of my days what it is; that I may know how frail I am. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest. But man dieth and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? So man lieth down and riseth not, till the heavens be no more.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another."

CHAPLAIN. Help, Lord, for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

RESPONSE. Help us, oh Lord.

CHAPLAIN. The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

RESPONSE. Hear us, oh Lord.

CHAPLAIN. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

RESPONSE. Be nigh unto us, oh Lord.

CHAPLAIN. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh Lord.

NOBLE GRAND [OR CHIEF PATRIARCH]. Our brother was a faithful and true Odd Fellow. He has fallen amid life's struggles, at the post of duty, full of honors. Let the record of his virtues and worth be indelibly inscribed upon our hearts, and his memory cherished forever. God of the universe, into Thy hands we commit the departed spirit.

RESPONSE. The will of God be done.

The following hymn will be sung:

WATTS.—C. M.

A thousand ages in Thy sight,
  Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
  Before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
  With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
  And lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
  Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream
  Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
  And our perpetual home.

[ADDRESS OR REMARKS.]

The following prayer (or an extemporaneous one) will be offered by the Chaplain:

God of all grace and mercy, in this dark hour of sorrow, we humbly lift our hearts to Thee in prayer. Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that light which

cometh down from above. Thou hast mercifully assured us in Thy Word that the bruised reed Thou wouldst not break. Remember us in mercy, O Lord, before Thee now. [Be Thou in this sad hour the Father of the fatherless and the widow's God. Administer to them, we pray Thee, in this hour of grief the consolations which Thou only canst give.] As we look to the hopes which lie beyond the grave, may we forget these sad scenes of frail mortality, and be bound yet closer together in the ties of Friendship, Love and Truth.

As we behold the frailty of mankind, and are reminded of the uncertainty of our continuance in life upon the earth, and of our own mortality, may Thy Grace and Thy Spirit lead us to turn our thoughts to those things which make for our everlasting happiness. Put our minds in proper frame, we beseech Thee, to improve the admonitions of Thy providence, and may our thoughts be fixed more devotedly upon Thee, the only sure refuge in time of trouble. And when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, "when the silver cord is loosed and the golden bowl is broken" with us, grant, we humbly pray Thee, Merciful Father, in that moment of mortal extremity, Thy Presence, to cheer and comfort us. May Thy rod and Thy staff support us as we enter the dark valley, and we at last gain admission into the ineffable glories of a home in Heaven. Amen.

RESPONSE. Amen! Amen!

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HEARN, GEO. S. MOORE, JOHN E. MCCAHAN.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, after a careful examination of the books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, they find as follows:

Cash balance on hand August 30th, 1878	$10,661 49
The R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary received from all sources during the year ending August 31st, 1879, which amount was paid to the R. W. Grand Treasurer	38,805 00
	$49,466 49
Disbursements as per vouchers during the year	37,971 32
Cash balance on hand August 30th, 1879, and on deposit in the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore to the credit of this Grand Lodge	$11,495 17
The R. W. Grand Treasurer holds receipts of the Safe Deposit Company of Baltimore for United States six per cent. coupon bonds of 1881	8,000 00
Cash advanced Surplus Relief Fund	23 50
We find of the estimate and appropriation made at the last session for "Incidentals for the Grand Secretary's office" orders have been drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer amounting to $475.05, while he has paid for that purpose actually $340.06, leaving a balance in his hands of	134 99
Total available assets August 30th, 1879	$19,653 66

The Wildey Monument account, kept by the R. W. Grand Treasurer, shows the following, August 30th, 1879:

Cash balance	$727 26
United States bonds of 1881	2 000 00
	$2,727 26

The Grand Treasurer also holds a United States bond of $1,000, purchased with funds returned by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi from unexpended contributions to yellow fever sufferers, and $108 received from North Star Lodge, No. 2, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on the surrender of its Charter.

On examination of the papers and vouchers in relation to donations and disbursements for yellow fever sufferers reported by the R. W. Grand Secretary, they are found to be correct as set forth in that officer's report. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to place the amount of $108, received upon surrender of the Charter of North Star Lodge, No. 2, into the general fund of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, JOSHUA J. WALTON, JNO T. GIVEN,
JNO. E. MCCAHAN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, D. B. WOODRUFF,
C. C. BATTERMAN, GEO. HASKINS, M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. ROBINSON, of Virginia, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee report that they have examined the returns from the following Grand Lodges, and find them correct, viz:

Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Washington.

The reports from Subordinate Lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are correct, viz:

Arizona, No. 1, Arizona; Caddo, No. 1; Tishomingo, No. 2; McAlister, No. 3, Indian Territory; Manitoba, No, 1, Manitoba; Paradise, No. 1; Mount Sinai, No. 2, Netherlands; Paradise, No. 2, New Mexico; Lima, No. 1; Callao, No. 2; Fortschritt, No. 3; Chalaco, No. 4, Peru; Mount Royal, No. 1; St. Lawrence, No. 2; Mizpah, No. 3; Duke of Edinburgh, No. 4; Albert, No. 5; Beaver, No. 6; Pioneer, No. 7; Unity, No. 8, Quebec; Excelsior, No. 1; Harmony, No. 3, Sandwich Islands; New Castle, No. 8; Mount Baker, No 9; Patit, No. 10; Ranier, No. 11; Snohomish, No. 12; Friendship, No. 13, and Colfax, No. 14, Washington Territory.

And your committee further report that the returns from the following Grand Encampments are made out correctly, viz:

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario,

Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The reports from Subordinate Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are correct, as follows:

Wyoming, No. 1; Hope, No. 2, Wyoming; Unity, No. 2, Washington; Polynesia, No. 1, Sandwich Islands; Atahualpa, No. 1, Peru; Centennial, No. 3, New Mexico; Rocky Mountain, No. 1; Golden Star, No. 2, Montana; Harmony, No. 1, Manitoba; Stuart, No. 10; Milicete, No. 11; Halifax, No. 12; Port La Joie, No. 13, Lower Provinces; Idaho, No. 1, Idaho; Florida, No. 1; Aucilla, No. 2; Excelsior, No. 4; Key West, No. 5, Florida; Royal Purple, No. 1, Yankton, No. 2; Hesperian, No. 3, Dakota.

The committee would report that the following jurisdictions have returned correct reports on Rebekah Degree Lodges, viz:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Virginia, Delaware, Alabama, Kentucky, Nevada, Nebraska, Missouri, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, California, District of Columbia.

Your committee would call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Switzerland is still holding its meetings on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Robinson, John T. Jakes, R. J. Jones,
Wm. N. Nutt, Allen Jenckes, A. D. Smith.
Wm. H. Graves,

Rep. Shields, of Alabama, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the "correspondence" contained in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and find nothing therein requiring special mention except such matters as have been referred to other committees.

We have also examined the "general correspondence" contained in the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and find nothing therein that requires special consideration at the hands of this Grand Lodge.

All matters contained in the correspondence connected with the offices of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, requiring action by this Grand Lodge, having been referred to appropriate committees, we respectfully report our approval of the able and courteous manner in which the correspondence has been conducted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted

W. A. Shields, Adolph Brandt, Jas. B. Blanks,
John G. Holland, George H. Shearer, R. G. Buckingham.
Chas. W. Smith,

Rep. Myers, of Indiana, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following, offered by Rep. Stebbins, of New York:

"*Resolved*, That Grand Encampments under their present powers have authority to charter Subordinate Encampments as Uniformed Encampments, and pass suitable laws for their government as such."

Respectfully submit that no such construction as indicated in the above can be placed on the laws therein referred to, and that further legislation on the subject is unwise and inexpedient. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MYERS, JNO. F. VAN NORT, W. E. HOGAN,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, M. D. HERRING, J. HAM PERRY,
HENRY C. HEDGES, FRANK G. BEATTY, E. H. THOMSON.

Rep. DAVIS, of Montana, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee to whom was referred the case of Bro. EMANUEL AMICK, a member of Goshen Lodge, No. 82, I. O. O. F., of Canal Dover, Ohio, in his petition for a new hearing of his case in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, have examined the papers submitted and beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee there is good cause for a rehearing of the case, inasmuch as Bro. AMICK presents new evidence, supported by affidavits, and also his petition is supported by the recommendation of a number of Past Grands of District No. 63, and also by the Noble Grand and several other members of Goshen Lodge, No. 82; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the petition of Bro. EMANUEL AMICK be granted, and the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. DAVIS, W. A. NEWELL, DAVID DOWNS,
JOHN MORGAN, AMOS HENDERSON, D. B. TRACY.
JOHN GIBSON,

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, from the Special Committee on the Constitution of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, of Lima, Peru, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution and By-Laws of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, of Lima, Peru, and recommend:

1st. That wherever the letters U. O. S. B. appear, that they be stricken out and I. O. O. F. be inserted.

2d. That so much of Article III., Section 2, as relates to a second reconsideration of a ballot for election of members, be stricken out, as but one reconsideration of a ballot is admissible.—*Digest, sec.* 129, *page* 32.

3d. That Section 11, Article VI., which provides as follows: "The Lodge shall, at any regular meeting within two months prior to the first Tuesday in May in every year, elect one Representative for their Charter, one for every thirty members, and one for the fractional part, if over twenty, according to their report of the 31st of December of the year previous," be stricken out, the Lodge at present being under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

4th. That the Constitution and By-Laws of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, of Lima, Peru, as corrected, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER, JOHN E. RENGSTORFF, ADOLPH BRANDT.
HERMAN BLOCK, CHARLES LEHMAN,

Rep. HOGAN, of Maine, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee to whom was referred the question presented by Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, have carefully examined the same, and beg leave to report:

The facts are presented by the Representative from Massachusetts, and form the basis of the opinion here submitted.

Your committee are satisfied that under our laws the Noble Grand of Lowell Lodge, No. 95, exercised a power in the premises not vested in him, and that the membership of JAMES MORRIS, of said Lodge, could be terminated and his connection with the same severed (so far as the course to be pursued by the Lodge would affect the brother's standing) only by preferring charges in the usual manner, and adopting and following out the usual method of procedure in the trial of a brother under charges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HOGAN, HENRY C. HEDGES, SAM'L F. GWINNER,
M. D. HERRING, FRANK G. BEATTY, JNO. F. VAN NORT,
W. R. MYERS, E. H. THOMSON, JOHN H. PERRY.

Rep. WELCH, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, beg leave to report that all the Grand Bodies are represented except the following, viz: The Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chile, Utah, Switzerland, and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. R. WELCH, B. NEWMAN, D. A. MORRISON,
CHAS. H. RAWLINGS, J. H. MCKENZIE, W. SEYMOUR.
T. T. PARSON,

Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Rep. EVANS, of Washington Territory, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA J. WALTON, GEO. HASKINS, D. B. WOODRUFF,
CHAS. H. RANDALL, JNO. T. GIVEN, JOHN E. MCCAHAN.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, M. J. DURHAM,

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Logde of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee have the honor to report that the all important subject of dues and benefits has been receiving a fair measure of consideration from several of the jurisdictions; and that the work of gathering statistics upon which a correct system of dues and benefits can be based, has made fair progress. As an evidence both of the pressing importance of the matter, and of the attention given to it, as well as a result thereof, it appears that in most of the older, as well as many of the younger jurisdictions, three-fourths of the amendments proposed to By-Laws of Subordinates are in the direction of financial reforms. Unfortunately, however, a large number of the jurisdictions still content themselves with the old and crude ideas which have controlled our beneficial work in the past, and disregard the subject entirely. While this criminal neglect may well cause regret, and certainly deserves censure, the only remedy that can be applied is for this Grand Lodge to continue the agitation and discussion of the subject, and to spare no efforts to impress upon the several jurisdictions its vital importance. Great reforms always advance slowly; established customs are changed with difficulty; and the matter of dues and benefits is no exception to the rule.

Your committee is not prepared to agree with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire, in his report at this session, to the effect that the time has come to legislate upon this subject, and fix definitely the ratio of dues and benefits. The necessity for a speedy, and, were it possible, immediate settlement of this matter on sound principles cannot be questioned. But to legislate upon it at present does not appear expedient. As already stated, there are some jurisdictions which still neglect it, and fail to see its importance. Until they do so it would be impossible to legislate satisfactorily on a subject like this, which would involve an interference with that cherished right—the control by a Subordinate Body of its own financial arrangements. The entire Order must be educated to the necessity of reform before reform will be accepted. Moreover, in an institution so wide-spread as ours, there are climatic and other circumstances which affect differently the rate of sickness and mortality in different jurisdictions; and until sufficient statistical information bearing on these varying conditions can be obtained, no absolutely perfect system of dues and benefits can be devised. To continue to agitate the question, and accumulate data, seems to your committee the proper course to be pursued for the present by this Grand Lodge.

The most valuable statistics which could be obtained would be those on which we could calculate the *average expectation of sickness at every year of age;* which could be done with the same certainty as has been shown in calculating the average expectation of life. This has been done to some extent for Great Britain by the authority of the British Parliament in connection with the friendly societies of that country. (See report of your committee in 1873, page 5906). In America the chief statistics gathered may be found in volume 3, Journal G. L. U. S., page 2417, embracing 66,000 lives. Of later years a little has been done by some of the Subordinate Grand Lodges of our Order. In the report of this committee for 1878, page 7796, appears the record of the jurisdiction of Delaware in this matter. Similar records coming from Maine are given in the Grand Secretary's report, page 7551. The Grand Lodge of Ontario, in its proceedings of 1877, gives its vital statistics of the previous year, embracing near 10,000 lives, and showing for each age the number of members, the number sick, the number of weeks' sickness, and the number of deaths. They are as under:

VITAL STATISTICS OF ONTARIO.

Age.	No. of Members.	No. sick.	Duration in Weeks.	Deaths.	Age.	No. of Members.	No. sick.	Duration in Weeks.	Deaths.
21	295	9	16.28	1	49	55	6	15.	...
22	414	16	47.28	1	50	65	6	35.	1
23	509	38	142.85	2	51	35	4	74.	...
24	574	54	159.43	2	52	26	4	15 43	...
25	634	51	179.57	1	53	22	3	10.71	...
26	627	43	121.85	3	54	19	2	3.	1
27	620	46	178.57	6	55	17	2	22.	...
28	609	43	170.85	4	56	19	2	14.	...
29	505	47	153 85	...	57	4	1	52.	...
30	570	31	138.71	1	58	7	1	2.	...
31	417	27	174.85	2	59	7	2	4.	...
32	393	41	159.71	1	60	12	4	19.	...
33	411	30	124.14	...	61	4	2	16.	1
34	357	33	142.57	1	62	...	...	.....	...
35	328	33	94.43	2	63	...	...	.....	...
36	302	35	200.	2	64	...	...	.....	...
37	285	19	69.	1	65	1	...	.....	...
38	226	24	106 85	...	66	4	...	.....	...
39	223	20	202.	2	67	...	...	.....	...
40	230	26	84.	1	68	...	...	.....	...
41	146	20	98.71	...	69	1	...	.....	...
42	174	11	35.	...	70	1	1	40.	...
43	140	17	90.	...	71	...	...	.....	...
44	129	11	84.	2	72	...	...	.....	...
45	121	18	83.	4	73	...	...	.....	...
46	106	15	50.28	2	74	...	...	.....	...
47	71	7	14.14	1	75	1	1	5.	1
48	60	7	62.	...					

Age.	No. of Members.	No. sick.	Duration.	Average.	Deaths.
21–30	5357	378	1309.24	.244	21
31–40	3172	288	1357.55	.428	12
41–50	1067	118	567.13	.531	10
51–60	168	25	216 14	1.286	1
61–70	11	3	56.	5.090	1
71–80	1	1	5.	5.	1
	9776	813	3511.06	.359	46

That these statistics have been gathered by some jurisdictions, ought to be proof that they could be gathered by all, were all willing to take the trouble. In some of the older Subordinate Lodges it might be a work of greater difficulty than their officers would be prepared to undertake, unless they were thoroughly

alive to the importance of the matter. But the work might at least be tried by the Subordinate Grand Lodges; and even though from neglect or inability the result might not give the vital statistics of our entire membership of near half a million, yet if but half or even a fourth of that number of lives could be tabulated, enough would be done to justify an actuarial estimate of the average expectation of sickness on this continent.

While, however, we have not yet obtained these statistics to the extent that might be desired, we have, by calling for the number of weeks' sickness in Lodge returns, obtained abundant evidence of the fact, that with increase of years comes with unvarying certainty increase of sickness; and to justify the conclusion that no system of dues and benefits which disregards this fact can possibly be sound. Such returns as have been submitted to your committee in previous years have been duly given in the reports presented to this Grand Lodge. Further additions to the steadily accumulating volume of evidence are again given, drawn from the two largest jurisdictions, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, in his report to his Grand Lodge in May, 1879, says:

The semi-annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the past year have been carefully collected, to ascertain the relative sickness during the past year, and they make the following exhibit:

Lodges Numbering from	Weeks' Sickness.			No. of Members.	Weeks' Sickness each 50 Lodges, every 100 Members.	Weeks' Sickness each 100 Lodges, every 100 Members.
	1st Term.	2d Term.	Total Weeks' Sickness			
No. No.						
1 to 50 inclusive	5 038	5.503	10,541	7 908	133 04	117.54
51 " 100 "	3,808	4,196	8 004	7,869	101 72	
101 " 150 "	3,830	4,109	7,939	6,584	120 58	105.91
151 " 200 "	2.416	2 260	4,676	5,327	87.78	
201 " 250 "	2,470	2 460	4,930	5,489	89 80	91.53
251 " 300 "	2,154	2,006	4.160	4,442	93 65	
301 " 350 "	1 916	1,881	3,797	4,534	83.74	76.27
351 " 400 "	1,474	1,570	3 044	4,435	68 64	
401 " 450 "	1,036	1 134	2 170	3,582	60 58	68 97
451 " 500 "	1 500	1,395	2.895	3,762	70 25	
501 " 550 "	1,318	1,221	2.539	3 614	70 25	69.23
551 " 600 "	1,269	1,123	2,392	3.509	68.17	
601 " 650 "	441	342	783	2,534	30 90	44.56
651 " 700 "	1,081	805	1.886	3,456	54.59	
701 " 750 "	629	694	1.323	2 783	47.54	48.59
751 " 800 "	535	612	1,147	2 300	49.87	
801 " 850 "	482	454	936	2 366	39.56	40.31
851 " 900 "	531	566	1,097	2,678	40.96	
901 " 950 "	201	142	343	2,456	13.97	
951 " 957 "	3	12	15	254		
	32,132	32,485	64.617	79.882		80.90

In 1873, the general average of sickness in weeks, per 100 members, was...62 25
" 1874, " " " " " " ...62 91
" 1875, " " " " " " ...67 22
" 1876, " " " " " " ...64.47
" 1877, " " " " " " ...77 39
" 1878, " " " " " " ...80.90

From the report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the following is extracted:

In the following table, showing the experience for 1878, the Lodges are classified according to their age—half-decades and decades:

Instituted between years inclusive.	Lodges, Nos. inclusive.	No. of Members.	No. of Members.	Weeks' sick benefits paid.	Weeks' sick benefits paid.	Weeks' benefits paid per 100 Members.	Weeks' benefits paid per 100 Members.
1830–35	1 to 5	1,034		1,756		169–82	122–66
1836–40	6 to 10	1,159	2,193	934	2,690	80–58	
1841–45	11 to 57	5,805		3.998		68–69	59–21
1846–50	58 to 171	8,093	13,898	4,232	8,230	52–29	
1851–55	172 to 295	7,841		4,109		52–40	48–79
1856–60	296 to 362	4,561	12,402	1,943	6,052	42–60	
1861–65	363 to 372	539		184		34–14	37–16
1866–70	373 to 467	5,429	5,968	2,034	2,218	37–46	
1871–75	468 to 621	7,740		2,359		30–47	27–63
1876–77	622 to 673	1,517	9,257	199	2.558	11–79	
		43,718	43,718	21,748	21,748		

Average weeks' benefits paid, 49.74.

It must be borne in mind that the published reports do not show the full number of weeks' sickness, as many Lodges have not reported the number, while cases are constantly occurring of brothers not being entitled to benefits, owing to being in arrears with their dues; while there are other cases of brothers who are entitled, not reporting themselves sick or asking for their benefits.

The attention of Lodges, and especially young ones, is called to the increasing ratio of sickness with the age of the Lodges. The increase is particularly noticeable in the last column, giving the increase by decades. While the rate of sickness per 100 members in Lodges instituted between 1871 and 1877 inclusive, was only 27.63, the rate in those instituted between 1830 and 1840 inclusive, was 122.66, thus showing conclusively that as the Lodges and their members grow older, their ratio of sickness increases, and that in a comparatively few years the rate in all of our Lodges will equal one week's sickness for each member.

From an interesting table of the statistics of the Order in Maine, compiled by Bro. J. H. Crocket, G. C., the following is extracted, showing the sickness rate for the last five years. Being a comparatively small and young jurisdiction, the increase is not so noticeable as in Pennsylvania and Ohio:

YEAR.	Average Membership.	No. of deaths.	No. of deaths for each 1000 Members.	No. of days' sick benefits for each Member.
1873	3897	28	7.19	3.91
1874	4982	36	7 23	3.99
1875	6087	56	9.20	4.77
1876	7164	44	6.14	4.76
1877	8132	75	9.22	4.61
Average	6052	48	7.90	4.45

The report of our Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented this session, gives the general totals for the year 1878, as follows: Members, 442,291; number of weeks' sickness, 237,709; average sickness for each member, .54 of a week.

The results thus shown by the statistics given in the report of your committee, in this as in previous years, as well as in the statistics of several of the older Subordinate Lodges that have been compiled by them and published, is, that while the average sickness of the entire Order for which benefits are paid is about four days per member every year, in the younger Lodges it is only half that amount, and in the older Lodges it is double.

It is not difficult to draw from these figures a general conclusion pointing in the direction of an answer to the question: What is the maximum weekly sick benefit a Lodge can safely promise to pay? The legitimate disbursements of a Lodge may be classed under three heads, viz: Working expenses, charity and benefits. The first two are controllable to a large extent, but in regard to the latter, while the specific amount may be fixed by the laws of the Lodge, the claims therefor are dependent on the laws of sickness and death. From the statistics already gathered, it is clear that a Lodge which has passed the age of a single generation—say forty years—must calculate on having to pay at least one and a quarter weeks' sick benefits to each member. From the general returns it would seem that the average expenditure for funeral benefits, widows' annuities, and the education of orphans, is something over one-third the amount paid for sick benefits. Consequently if a Lodge pays five dollars per week sick benefits it must at least calculate on the following:

One and one-fourth weeks' sick benefits	$6 25
Other benefits, say	2 25
Total for benefits	$8 50

Add to this working expenses, which range from a dollar and a half upwards; and charity. Lodges can make the application for themselves, especially those that undertake to pay five dollars sick benefits for five dollars yearly dues.

As a general conclusion for Lodges working under the usual system, a week's sick benefits should not exceed half the amount of a year's dues.

The opinion is held by many, however, that our present system is unsound in principle, as well as faulty in details. Lodges generally place all their members on an equality as to dues and benefits, regardless of age. Statistics show conclusively that with increased age, sickness increases, just as certain as life grows shorter. If it be an admittedly sound principle held by all insurance organizations that to secure a certain amount at death, there must be periodical payments graded according to the age of the party when insured, why is the principle not equally sound when applied to insurance against sickness?

In other words, to establish a system of dues and benefits on a sound basis, the dues should be graded according to the age of the brother when admitted to membership.

Your committee have referred to this matter in previous reports, and have expressed approval of the soundness of the principle suggested. It does not seem that arguments should be required in proof of the position. Lodges already admit the principle that the older man should pay into the Treasury more than the younger, by charging him a higher initiation fee. But, in order to meet the just requirements of the principle, they must charge him very much more than he is at all likely to pay. The only feasible method is to spread over a number of years the extra sum which the older man should justly pay, for the purpose of placing him on an equality with the younger.

There may doubtless be difficulties in the way of an adoption of this system, especially in some older and larger jurisdictions, but its practicability has been demonstrated by the fact that several thousand organizations in different parts of the world are now working under it. The Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows,

and other friendly societies in England, have for several years, in accordance with the laws of that country, charged dues upon a graduated scale. In our own Order the system has also been tried to some extent. In Australia, graduated dues are charged similiar to those in force in England. In the jurisdiction of Ontario, where the entire subject has been under consideration for some years, a large number of the older Lodges have adopted a graduated scale of dues. In a model code of By-Laws adopted by that jurisdiction in 1875, the following table of quarterly dues was then approved.

TABLE OF QUARTERLY DUES.

Age when Admitted.	Yearly Rate.	Quarter's Dues.	Age when Admitted.	Yearly Rate.	Quarter's Dues.
21	$6 00	$1 50	36	$7 88	$1 97
22	6 12	1 53	37	8 08	2 02
23	6 24	1 56	38	8 28	2 07
24	6 36	1 59	39	8 48	2 12
25	6 48	1 62	40	8 68	2 17
26	6 60	1 65	41	8 96	2 24
27	6 72	1 68	42	9 24	2 31
28	6 84	1 71	43	9 52	2 38
29	6 96	1 74	44	9 80	2·45
30	7 08	1 77	45	10 08	2 52
31	7 20	1 80	46	10 44	2 61
32	7 32	1 83	47	10 80	2 70
33	7 44	1 86	48	11 16	2 79
34	7 56	1 89	49	11 52	2 88
35	7 68	1 92	50	11 88	2 97

—*Journal Grand Lodge of Ontario, page* 1463.

In a report presented to the Grand Lodge of Ontario at its session of 1877, the following explanatory reference is made to this table:

"The table already approved by this Grand Lodge is drawn up on the simple basis of equality of payments into the Lodge funds by the members. Were the members all of the age of twenty-one, calculating according to the estimate on page 1921 (Journal Grand Lodge of Ontario) six dollars would be an ample sum for each to pay; and, with this as a starting point, it is required that every man joining at a more advanced age shall pay an equivalent according to his expectation of life. For the convenience of quarterly payments the yearly amount is placed at a figure divisible by four with fractions. As a consequence it varies in some years a few cents, more or less, from the strictly accurate figure; but this slight variation is more than counterbalanced by the greater simplicity thereby attained."

In further explanation it may be added that the scheme of graded dues does not involve any yearly increase in the dues of the individual members. It is not that a member pays a certain amount on entering the Lodge, and an increased amount each year after. He pays every year the amount he pays the first year; and that is the sum fixed for a person of his age at the time of admission. In other words, the yearly dues are on exactly the same principle as the payments into a life insurance company. The table above given is calculated for three dollars weekly sick benefits, forty dollars funeral benefits, and forty dollars widows' annuity.

In conclusion, your committee would submit the following, viz:

Resolved, That the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

CL. T. CAMPBELL, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, adopted by said Grand Lodge at its last annual session in February, 1879, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and by the unanimous request of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That action on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan be deferred until the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, JAS. A. ARMSTRONG, ROBERT THOMPSON,
NORMAN BAILEY, HENRY A. TAYLOR, W. S. NEWBURY.
C. P. DUNBAUGH,

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following question, presented by Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, to wit:

"Can the formal action of a Subordinate Lodge in the suspension of a member for the non-payment of dues be legally taken without a regular ballot?"

Have considered and resolved the same in the affirmative, because the law involved (Journal of 1877, page 7462) does not require a ballot. The language is as follows: "To render him such (a suspended or dropped member) the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended." Your committee are of the opinion that any action of the Lodge or Encampment, whereby the sense of the Body is reached and declared and made a matter of record, complies with the language under consideration, and conforms to the resolution of which it forms a part.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, FRANK G. BEATTY, WM. E. HOGAN,
HENRY C. HEDGES, J. HAM PERRY, SAM'L F. GWINNER,
W. R. MYERS, JOHN F. VAN NORT, E. H. THOMSON.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to Past Grand Sires, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the judgment of your committee, the reasoning of the Grand Sire, as found in his report on this subject, carries with it absolute conviction, that Article X. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which is in the words following:

"Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives,"

Ought to be striken from the Constitution.

Your committee do not believe it to be necessary to further elaborate the argument so admirably made by the Grand Sire.

The legislative functions of a representative body should be strictly limited to Representatives having a constituency. The power of debate and making motions involves legislative functions. The experience and observation of every man assure us that in all deliberative bodies, as well as among men assembled *en masse*, the silvery tongue of the orator often sways the judgments, and controls the votes of his fellows, specially when that tongue be so eloquent as to even gild the sunlight or paint the lily, as a Craighead, a Logan, a Nicholson, a Durham, a Race, a Sanders, or a Harmon may.

For our Past Grand Sires we have the most exalted admiration, affection and regard. This high respect and great love we would not in the least abate, much rather increase, and while we would not criticise the action of the fathers (their profound veneration and respect for Wildey, as the founder of the Order, was evidently the occasion and ground of their action), we deem it high time, that in our Order, with the decease of the *old man*—we use the words with the utmost respect—large special privileges and powers for a special class of persons ought also to cease to exist.

We therefore submit the following amendments to the Constitution:

1st. That Article X. be stricken entire from the Constitution.

2d. That Articles XI., XII., XIII., XIV., XV., XVI., XVII., XVIII., XIX., XX. and XXI., be respectively numbered Articles X. to XX., consecutively.

HENRY C. HEDGES, Ohio. W. R. MYERS, Indiana.
CHAS. H. RANDALL, California. WM. W. LEE, Connecticut.
R. A. BLANDFORD, Texas.

Rep. WINN, of California, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the petitions from seven Rebekah Degree Lodges of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, requesting this Grand Body to repeal the fourth resolution found on page 7852, Journal of Proceedings 1878, permitting unmarried daughters and sisters of Scarlet Degree members, who are above the age of eighteen years, to become members of the Rebekah Degree Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That the committee are of the opinion that the petitions are informally before them. That they should have been presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and come to this Grand Lodge through that Body; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. WINN, JOHN F. HAVENNER, JNO. LAKE,
W. B. KENNEDY, J. A. MILLER, GEO. S. MOORE.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Rules, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows:

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, with reference to the consolidation of the two Committees on Appeals, have the honor to report that it has considered the expediency of such proposition, and believe that it will be to the interest of the Order, and will greatly expedite the business of the Grand Lodge at its sessions to have ONE instead of TWO Committees on Appeals, with permission for said committee to sit and consider appeal cases just prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and have the same ready for action when that Grand Body is called to order. Therefore, it presents and recommends the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That Rule 8 of the Rules of Order be stricken out, and the following inserted in place thereof:

RULE 8. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following committees, to wit: Committee on the State of the Order, Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee, Committee on Finance, and Committee on Appeals, each to consist of nine members, four of whom shall constitute a quorum; Committee on Correspondence, Committee on Constitutions, Committee on Petitions, Committee on Returns, Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, Committee on Foreign Relations, Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, and Committee on Miscellaneous Business, each to consist of seven members; Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and Committee on Printing, each to consist of five members. The Committee on Appeals shall hold over to the session succeeding that of their appointment, and they shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of considering appeals, and preparing reports thereon; and no appeal shall be considered by said committee unless filed with the chairman thereof by the first day of the meeting of said committee.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution shall go into effect from and after this session of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Sire shall appoint a Committee on Appeals the last day of this session, which shall act in compliance with the above rule.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, HENRY F. GAREY, C. M. BUSBEE.
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, J. W. STEBBINS,

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 4 o'clock P. M., which was amended to make the hour 8 o'clock P. M., and adopted. The Grand Sire accordingly declared the Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

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8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Chair announced the special order to be the reception of memorial addresses on deceased Past Grand Representatives.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to "Deaths," respectfully report:

That inasmnch as it is expected that the Representatives from the several Grand Jurisdictions within whose boundaries death has left his impress during the past year, will pay suitable tribute to the memory of their departed, and that in their appointment no specification was made of the duties they were to discharge, they feel no small degree of embarrassment in determining what shall be the theme of their report.

That at each Annual Communication of this Sovereign Grand Body, amid the whirl of business and the exciting questions that divide us in the collision of earnest, honest thought, we should pause for a brief period and sit in fraternal sympathy, under the willow and the cypress, speaking kind words of comfort and consolation to our afflicted and sorrowing brethren, is meet and proper; than such an hour, none can be more profitably spent. Out of such communings we can best come with hearts softened and subdued, feelings quickened, and fraternal affections strengthened.

While we mourn the loss, during the year past, of many who in former years sat where we sit, and with what of distinguished ability and solid honesty the records of this Grand Lodge will attest, discharged those high functions of legislators and jurists that are now devolved on us, we can rejoice, and do give thanks to that superintending Providence that "doeth all things well," that death has made much less demand than in former years. Only eleven or twelve have fallen his victims during the year just closed, while last year twenty-five fell beneath his chilling touch, and eighteen the year previous, among whom were some of the brightest ornaments that ever shone in the firmament of Odd Fellowship.

Massachusetts has been called upon to follow to the grave, and perform the last solemn duty of the true Odd Fellow for her beloved and revered Rev. E. M. P. Wells, a Past Grand Representative to, and for many years Grand Chaplain of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Connecticut has been compelled likewise to surrender one of her most esteemed and worthy members, Dr. Lucius A. Thomas.

Rhode Island, though nestling in a corner of the sea, has not eluded the search of the fell destroyer. James Atkinson has passed into the land of shadows.

New Jersey mourns the loss of that worthy brother and true Odd Fellow, George J. Miller.

Passing by Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, from whose small territorial limits last year death tore one of our most highly esteemed and tenderly loved brothers, North Carolina is called upon to make her sacrifice. Here, indeed, "death chose a shining mark." Seaton Gales, one of the most eloquent, noble, accomplished and scholarly of all North Carolina's gifted sons, has passed away.

Alabama has not escaped. She has lost her esteemed Stuart W. Cayce.

Upon Indiana the hand of affliction has been laid more heavily. She has lost her James H. Stewart, A. B. Coleman and William K. Edwards.

Ohio has lost her esteemed brother and faithful Odd Fellow, Paxson Coats.

Wisconsin has lost her chosen Representative, stricken down while in the discharge of his duty, R. H. Hotchkiss.

Nor has the remotest jurisdiction escaped. Oregon has paid the last tribute of respect to the memory of A. L. Stinson.

These are all whose deaths have come to the knowledge of your committee. We, whose jurisdictions the Destroying Angel has passed by, join in fraternal sympathy and sorrow with those who are the immediate sufferers. To lose a great and good man from any circle is an irreparable loss. To lose a great and good Odd Fellow, how much more! Their seats are vacant, never more to be

filled. Their voices are hushed, never again to be heard in all the pilgrimage of our remaining earthly toil. Their noble example of lofty devotion and self-sacrifice, in building the foundations of this, the grandest institution of the age, lives only in memory, where it shall be sacredly cherished, and where it shall live forever. On other shores it may be ours to meet them. In brighter realms may it be ours to greet them. We offer the following:

Resolved, That this imperfect tribute to the memory of our departed brothers be spread in full upon the Journal of this Grand Lodge, and suitable mourning tablets be printed on a mourning page of the Revised Journal of our present communication.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Stebbins, W. R. Hazlett, Adolph Brandt, W. S. Newbury.

Rep. Bagley, of North Carolina, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Representatives:—The Order of Odd Fellows, and especially the jurisdiction of North Carolina, is called upon to mourn the death of one of its best and most gifted members. The manly form is laid low; the bright eye that sparkled a kindly recognition of us all upon this floor, but two brief years ago, is closed forever. The "warm heart that throbbed for others' woes" has ceased to beat; has "mouldered away and joined its kindred dust!" The eloquent voice, so often uplifted in defence of Odd Fellowship and thrilling the souls of men, is silent, to be heard no more on earth, save in the sad, mellow echoes which memory has imprisoned.

Seaton Gales, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, is dead! He died on the 29th day of November, 1878, in Washington City, whither he had gone, before the opening of Congress, in the discharge of his duties as an officer of the House of Representatives.

Brother Gales was born in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, on the 17th day of May, 1828. His ancestry was most honorable and distinguished, the name having been prominently identified with the political and social history of his native State for the last century.

His grandfather, Joseph Gales, of Sheffield, England, was for many years the editor of the Sheffield *Register*, a newspaper of marked character for ability and for the extent of its circulation, and his name is familiar to men of letters as the generous patron of the celebrated poet, Montgomery. He came to the United States in the year 1794, having left his native country to avoid persecution on account of his well known sympathy with the popular movements at that time agitating the continent of Europe, and which were threatening even the stability of the English throne.

His father, Weston R. Gales, was the editor of the Raleigh *Register*, which for sixty years was the leading political paper in North Carolina, and sustained the same relations, as to elevated character and influence, to the people of that State, as those sustained to the people of the country at large by the *National Intelligencer*, edited by his able and distinguished brother and brother-in-law, Gales and Seaton, our departed brother having been the nephew of both of these eminent men.

Brother Gales graduated at the University of North Carolina in June, 1848, with the highest honors of his class, and upon the death of his father, (which occurred in the following July), at the early age of twenty years, took entire charge of the *Register*, his father's paper. His conduct of the *Register* was noted for ability and elevated courtesy, and there can be no higher praise when it is said he did not detract from the brilliant record of his editorial lineage.

The war breaking out in 1861, Brother Gales entered the Southern army, and served throughout that four years of trial and blood as Adjutant General of Brigade, in the historic "Army of Northern Virginia," participating with con-

spicuous courage in nearly all the battles fought by those tried soldiers and their veteran leader.

After the war, Brother GALES was called to several important positions, the duties of which he discharged with advantage to the public and credit to himself; among which were the principal clerkship of the House of Representatives of his State and trustee of his *Alma Mater*, the University, and other colleges. The name of Brother GALES was frequently mentioned in connection with the nomination for lieutenant governor and for congress in his district; but he never was a candidate for a political position, except in 1875, when he was proposed for the State Convention to amend the Constitution, and was defeated with his colleagues on the ticket, by a very small majority, after an exciting canvass, conducted on his part with his usual activity and ability.

Brother GALES was initiated into the Order of Odd Fellows as soon as he attained his majority, joining Manteo Lodge, No. 8, in his native city, of which Lodge he was a member at the time of his death. He was initiated into the Encampment branch of the Order in 1870, and was a member of McKee Encampment, No. 14. He early received the highest honors of both his Lodge and Encampment, his brethren not being slow to place him where his activity and talents could be best exerted for the good of the Order, and where his own merits might be rewarded.

Brother GALES was elected Grand Master of the State in July, 1870, and his administration of the office was marked by extraordinary energy and ability; was attended by great success, several new Lodges being added to the roll and the membership largely increased; much of the subsequent prosperity resulting from his active efforts.

He was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the U. S. in July, 1872, and was re-elected to the same position in 1874 and 1876, serving three terms in this Grand Body, of which he was a noted and popular member. While a member of this Grand Body he was assigned to the most important committees, and was in 1877 chairman of the Committee on the History of the Order. He enjoyed in a remarkable degree the friendship and confidence of the venerated RIDGELY, who early discerned that he was one of the rising men of the Order. Had he lived, there can be but little doubt that he would ultimately have reached the highest position in the gift of our great brotherhood.

Brother GALES was married in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on the 30th day of January, 1850, to Mary Anderson, the accomplished daughter of Dr. Thomas Nash Cameron, of that place. From this union nine children were born, seven of whom, with their estimable mother, survive to mourn the loss of a husband and father who was loved as few are loved.

I have thus, Most Worthy Grand Sire, endeavored to tell, in part, the story of the life of our departed friend and brother. Though cut down in the flower of his perfect manhood, he has left a name upon the pages of Odd Fellowship of which all of us may be proud—a name which will long be remembered with affection and reverence wherever Odd Fellowship is known, but with a sadder, tenderer and sweeter recollection, will it be mentioned in his own native land of the pines, whose mournful song will be his requiem forever, and where the heartstrings still quiver and almost break at the mention of his name.

As a scholar, he was accomplished; as a writer, he was rapid, exact and graceful; as a lecturer, he was polished, fluent and entertaining; as an orator, he was always eloquent, and at times, brilliant and thrilling; as an Odd Fellow he was devoted and true; as a gentleman, he was peerless. But he is gone—gone forever—gone to join the disembodied spirits of WILDEY, of KENNEDY, of MORSE, of STUART, of ELLISON, of PORTER, and our other departed chosen ones, who have long since rapped at the inner door of the Celestial Lodge, and we trust, have been found with the heavenly Pass Word and entered in! "These brilliant lights that stud the firmament of Odd Fellowship, are not put out. They are but hid for a moment behind the gloomy shadow of death, only to reappear in immortal beauty and brightness, and shine forever."

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—In compliance with an honored custom, I rise to announce the decease of one of the former members of this Grand Lodge, as well as one of the oldest and most earnest workers of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

ELEAZER MATHER PORTER WELLS was born in Hartford, Connecticut, August 4th, 1793, and died in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, December 1st, 1878, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, three months, and twenty-seven days.

He was initiated in Siloam Lodge, No. 2, in the city of Boston, in 1844, and became a member of the Grand Lodge in 1845. His ability soon won for him distinction, and he was elected Grand Master in 1846, and was elected a Representative to this Grand Lodge in 1847, and was its Chaplain for the years 1850 and 1851. He was also Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the time of his decease, having held that office for sixteen years. He was also a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.

He sprang from a family that had won distinction and renown in history as far back as the eleventh century, and his immediate ancestors were among those that fought in the army of the Revolution for the freedom of this country. When the war of 1812 broke out, at the age of nineteen, he entered the army and became a soldier of freedom. Like most of our eminent men, he was compelled in early life to labor to support himself, his father having died while he was quite young.

In 1823 he became a minister and preacher of the Gospel, and from that time up to within a short period of his death he continued to preach occasionally, as his health would permit. In 1843 Brother WELLS was elected Episcopal City Missionary of the city of Boston, which led to the erection of St. Stephen's Chapel. Brother WELLS entered with zeal upon his duties, and by continuous efforts succeeded in raising, by voluntary contributions, a sum sufficient to purchase the property of St. Stephen's House, adjoining the Chapel, which he settled forever on the "Lord's poor" by giving a deed to the Mission. It is impossible to conceive of the direct and indirect benefit conferred upon the lost and suffering specimens of humanity for nearly a third of a century by this institution, as directed by Brother WELLS. His mind, body and soul were freely given to the calls of those who had no friends; night and day his time and talents were devoted to the amelioration of the afflicted of all ages and religions. No sect was ever refused if "want" was written on their face; no narrow prejudice, resulting from ingratitude or any private views, caused an appeal for aid to be rejected. The stereotyped answer of so many philanthropic societies, "this case does not come under our jurisdiction," found no response in the breast of this modern Barnabas, "with whom," as a learned author once wrote, "St. Paul would have loved to fraternize." He took for his field the world and its inhabitants, and offered consolation, both physical and spiritual, to man in the abstract and concrete.

Brother WELLS was, in all the higher and grander elements of character, an almost exceptional man, coming as near perfection as it is possible for humanity to attain on earth; and through his long life he gave to the world evidence of spiritual excellence that allied him with the divine. He walked with God in daily communion, the Saviour his exemplar, his eye ever intent on the Being he adored, his life took the hue of Heaven, and his mission to "the poor for Christ's sake," was one grand demonstration of Christian effort.

The benevolent principles of Odd Fellowship drew him naturally and lovingly to its association, and the long career that he enjoyed in its courts was marked by a zeal that never waned in the discharge of his obligations. In all the characteristics of heart and head he was eminently an Odd Fellow. He saw grand meaning in the Order which humbler minds could not grasp, and gave himself

fervently and fully to its exemplifications. We remember the manner in which he walked before his brethren; his majestic mien, his saintly face, the urbanity and kindness of his speech, his loving recognition of his brethren; all will be recalled with pleasure, and it will be a mitigation of the sorrow we feel that he lived and acted with us so long, demonstrating by his example the loftier qualities of the Order, which every one should strive to emulate.

He has passed from earth leaving us to mourn the demise of one who has shed the highest lustre upon our Order, whose departure has caused a void which is hard to fill. But, while realizing sensibly the visitation of an All-Wise and All-Just Providence, the subject of our mourning carries with it a sublime sense of consolation, inasmuch as, though we may regret his absence and the loss of the exalted counsels which ever distinguished his connection with us, we feel that he has passed to his needed rest full of years and honors, causing us submissively to say in the midst of our deep sense of bereavement, "Thy will, oh God, be done."

Rep. VERY, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It becomes my duty to report to this Grand Body the death of P. G. Rep. ARAM YOULEN, of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.

At the last session of that Grand Encampment the following account of his services was adopted:

"Patriarch YOULEN was born at Dublin, New Hampshire, in October, 1807, and died in Boston, March 28th, 1879, aged seventy-one years and five months. He was initiated in Montezuma Lodge, No. 33, March 19th, 1845, thus having been a member of the Order a little more than thirty-four years. For many years he was never absent from Lodge and Encampment meetings, and was always ready to perform any duty that devolved upon him. He became a Patriarch and member of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, October 3d, 1845. While he never sought office, his brothers very soon discovered his capability, and constantly called upon him for his services in official positions. He served as Noble Grand in 1849, and entered the Grand Lodge in 1850. He served as Chief Patriarch of Massasoit Encampment in 1849, and entered the Grand Encampment in 1850. He was as constant in his attendance at the meetings of the Grand as of the Subordinate Bodies, and in 1857 he was elected Grand Patriarch, and in 1859 and 1860 he represented this Grand Encampment in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"P. G. Patriarch YOULEN was one of those earnest and true men to whom our Order is indebted for its standing where it does to-day, before the world. Of sterling honesty, he would never consent to have the Order do anything that would not stand the test of truth and fair dealing."

Rep. NUTT, of New Jersey, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—As year after year passes away we are called upon to mourn the loss of honored and loved ones.

It is my sad duty to announce the decease of a former member of this Grand Body, one who was a Representative of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey for the sessions of 1865 and 1866. Past Grand Representative GEORGE J. MILLER, died at the City of Burlington, New Jersey, on Monday, June 2d, 1879, in the sixty-second year of his age. He was at the time of his death a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 22, and Mt. Lebanon Encampment, No. 7. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, August, 1859, and to the Grand Encampment, October, 1859; elected Grand Patriarch from the floor in 1860, and elected Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment at the session of 1864.

Brother MILLER was a native of London, England, and came to this country when a lad of sixteen, settling in the City of Burlington, where he soon became identified with all its local interests. He was a man of considerable ability, positive in his opinions, exact in all his dealings, yet benevolent and charitable, never refusing the helping hand to those who applied for aid in time of distress. He also took deep interest in all matters with which he became connected, particularly Odd Fellowship. He was a member of the public school board for many years, and as such, devoted much of this time and attention to the cause of education. His labors were unselfish, and in many cases entirely without pecuniary reward.

The funeral was attended by a large concourse of citizens. The teachers of the public schools, the Public School Board and the Board of Water Commissioners each attended in a body. The Order was well represented, not only by the Lodges and Encampment of the City, but also by members from other parts of the State.

In the death of Brother MILLER our Order loses a zealous, active and able member, one whose whole life proved his devotion to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. He has passed away, but the memory of his noble deeds will live long after him, a monument to the virtues of a true Odd Fellow.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—As the glorious orb of day was sinking to its rest on the 16th of July last, the spirit of our brother, STUART W. CAYCE, P. G. Representative, severed its connection with the frail body, and joined the innumerable throng that constitutes the Grand Lodge above.

Forty-two years ago Bro. CAYCE was made an Odd Fellow in New Albany Lodge, No. 1, of New Albany, Indiana. He was initiated on the night of the 25th of April, 1837—the night on which the Order was planted in Alabama, and the night on which Alabama Lodge, No. 1, the Lodge of which he was a member when he died, was instituted. He passed the chairs in New Albany Lodge, No. 1, and on that Lodge surrendering its Charter in 1841, he became a member of New Albany Lodge, No. 10, and entered the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, from that Lodge in 1842. In July, 1845, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and served one year. In 1855 he joined Washington Lodge, No. 40, of Mobile, Alabama, by card, of which Lodge he remained a member until the surrender of its Charter in 1865, when he transferred his membership to Alabama Lodge, No. 1, of the same city, and continued a faithful worker therein until his death.

Of his early Encampment history I find no data, but that he connected himself with this branch of our Order early in life, is evidenced by the fact that he joined Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 1, of Mobile, Alabama, by card, in 1855. He passed through the C. P's. chair in 1865, and was admitted to the Grand Encampment in 1867.

In 1867 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and at the ensuing election he was unanimously elected to the same office, and was continuously re-elected Grand Secretary until 1871, when he voluntarily declined the position on account of failing health. The Grand Lodge, however, did not feel disposed to do without the services of this true and accomplished Odd Fellow, and unanimously elected him Grand Treasurer, which office he continued to fill until removed by the hand of death. In February, 1869, he was elected a Representative to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Encampment of Alabama, and served with marked ability, although a victim of great physical suffering, during the sessions of 1869 and 1870. In September, 1870, he was appointed Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge by Grand Sire STUART, which office he filled with distinguished ability for two years. For forty-two years he was an Odd Fellow, and as long as health

permitted was a constant attendant upon his Lodge and Encampment, and an active and enthusiastic worker in whatever position called to fill.

As a husband and father he was all that the terms imply. As a citizen "none knew him but to love him; none named him but to praise."

Rep. DOWNS, of Delaware, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—The sad duty devolves upon me to announce the death of WILLIAM H. CLOWARD, P. G. Representative from the R. W. Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction of Delaware. He died at his residence, in Wilmington, Delaware, on the 29th day of January, 1879, after a long and painful illness, aged forty years.

The lamented deceased early in life manifested a deep interest in the welfare of his fellow men, and was ever zealously engaged in every work calculated to advance their prosperity, or mitigate the sorrows and trials which are inseparable from human life. Actuated by such a commendable spirit, and with a heart overflowing with those pure and beautiful sentiments which are the embodiment of the grand and essential principles of our beloved fraternity, he could not long remain beyond the pale of our great brotherhood. At an early period of his life, therefore, he took the steps necessary to connect himself with a Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was admitted a member of Hope Lodge, No. 21, of Delaware, on the 6th of May, 1867. He soon became an active and energetic member, foremost in every effort to promote the interests of the Lodge and enlarge the sphere of its usefulness. Brother CLOWARD, however, being of an ardent temperament, and earnestly desirous of extending the operations of our great charitable institution, could not find even in the wide scope afforded by the energetic and excellent Lodge to which he was attached, a field sufficiently extensive to gratify the ardor of his laudable ambition to promote the welfare and advance the interests of Odd Fellowship, and on the 13th of November, 1867, he withdrew from Hope Lodge for the purpose of aiding in the institution of a new Lodge. The earnest efforts of Bro. CLOWARD and his compeers resulted in securing a sufficient amount of excellent material to consummate their purpose, and on the 4th of December, 1867, Eden Lodge, No. 34, was instituted at Wilmington, under most auspicious promises of success. Brother CLOWARD was selected as its first Vice Grand. At the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware, held October 1869, he was admitted a member of that Body, and became one of its most prominent and useful members. He was elected W. G. Marshal at the session of 1870, just one year after his admission, and would doubtless have rapidly advanced to the highest positions of honor within the gift of the R. W. Grand Lodge, but for the fact that the disease which terminated his life, at that period manifested itself, and debarred him from accepting official position attended with such arduous labors.

Brother CLOWARD connected himself with the Encampment branch of the Order on the 13th of October, 1868, being admitted a member of Reynolds Encampment, No. 3. In the Patriarchal work he exhibited the same degree of energy which characterized his course in the Subordinate Lodge. He passed rapidly through the several grades of official station, and was admitted to the R. W. Grand Encampment on the 7th of October, 1873. At the next session, October 7th, 1874, he was elected R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. He was re-elected in 1876, and attended the session of 1877, in Baltimore. At that session he filled the responsible and important position of Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem. This was the last time he ever took part in the deliberations of this Body. When the time arrived for the session of 1878, he was prostrated by disease, and had surrendered his official robes into other hands. How well he performed his duties it is needless for me to say. His acts form a part of the history of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and future results can only clearly and correctly disclose their utility and worth, or give us a proper estimate of their wisdom.

I feel certain, however, that Representatives who knew him will learn with heartfelt sorrow the sad intelligence of his demise, in the prime and vigor of manhood; bear testimony to his estimable qualities as a man and brother, and yield to him the meed of praise for the zeal and ability with which he performed every duty enjoined upon him in his Representative capacity.

The jurisdiction which I have the honor to represent, feels sensibly the great loss which it has sustained by the death of Brother CLOWARD. The manly and courteous bearing which ever characterized his intercourse with his brethren endeared him to all, whilst his ardent devotion to the principles of Odd Fellowship commanded universal admiration.

He was a good citizen, a warm friend, a consistent christian, and in every relation of life his deportment was such as to win the respect and esteem of all who knew him, and render him an example worthy of imitation.

Whilst we shall miss his valuable counsels, and regret the loss of his earnest labor in the cause of charity and brotherly love, we have a consolation in the hope that "our loss is his eternal gain," and that his name is now inscribed with those of the "just made perfect," on the golden altars of heaven.

Rep. MORGAN, of Indiana, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It becomes my sad duty, as a member of the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana, to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of W. K. EDWARDS, P. G. Representative, of the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana, one who was honored by having conferred upon him many important positions of public trust and responsibility in his own State and jurisdiction, and who, in the discharge of his varied duties both within and without the Order, won high commendation for his eminent ability and untiring faithfulness. Past Grand Representative W. K. EDWARDS was born in Jefferson county, in the State of Kentucky, December 26th, 1820; died at the city of Terre Haute, in the State of Indiana, on the 26th day of September, 1878, aged fifty-seven years.

His history as an Odd Fellow may be briefly told: There being no Lodge of Odd Fellows in Terre Haute, he sought and found admission in Covington Lodge, No. 21, of the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana, on the 9th of October, 1847. Soon after he became a Charter member of a Lodge established in his own town. He afterwards filled with distinguished ability every office in the Subordinate Lodge, and was admitted as a member of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in January, 1849. Was elected Deputy Grand Master in July, 1851, and Grand Master in July, 1853. He was Grand Representative to this Grand Body at the sessions of 1856, 1857 and 1858. At the time of his death he was filling the office of Grand Patriarch, and, had his life been spared, would undoubtedly be occupying at this time the chair of the venerable brother at my side, as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of our State.

Such is a brief history of his connection with the Order. His ever ready hand and sympathizing heart are best known by those who so often shared his bounty, and received from his lips kind words of comfort and consolation. To him, to live was to be an Odd Fellow, and he forgot not that in the practice of Friendship, Love and Truth were to be found the best safeguards against the ills of life. His life affords a practical lesson for Odd Fellows. He had a kind and sympathetic nature that delighted in quiet and unostentatious acts of benevolence. Never married, yet no man cherished a higher and a purer ideal of woman. Having no children of his own, yet he was all children's most generous friend. He was, in brief, a grand type of the true Odd Fellow.

Rep. MYERS, of Indiana, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—The sad duty has unexpectedly fallen to me of announcing the death of Past Grand Master and Past

Grand Representative JAMES H. STEWART, of the jurisdiction of Indiana, which occurred on Saturday, the 13th day of April, 1879, at his home in Delphi, Carroll county, Indiana, after an illness of but six hours' duration. I regret that my opportunities have not permitted me to present the date or place of his initiation into the Order. He was, on the 19th day of November, 1856, unanimously elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; and from that time until his death, he never missed being present and participating in the work of that Grand Body. It was my fortune to know him personally for the last twelve years, and I can testify to his devotion to the ennobling principles of our Order, and to his personal purity as a man. It was emphatically true that "none knew him but to love him." He was a man of cultivated intelligence and broad views, and whose every heart-throb pulsated in sympathy with the frailties of our humanity; and no member within our jurisdiction could, in dying, have bequeathed a more enviable record as a good citizen, an affectionate husband, an indulgent father and true Odd Fellow.

"While wearing all the honor which could be conferred upon him by his brethren, he failed not in the performance of every duty made incumbent on him by reason of his obligation to our Order. The routine work of his Subordinate Lodge, his duties at the sick bed, the last duty at the grave of a departed brother, his care for the widow, his watchfulness of the interests of the orphan, and his general defence of suffering humanity were never omitted or forgotten." As an index to his character and as an exemplification of what was the guiding star of his life, I quote an extract from his impromptu remarks on the occasion of his being inducted into the office of Grand Master, on which occasion he said:

"Attend the meetings of your Lodge, heal up every heartburning among the brotherhood in your power to heal; teach each brother to deal kindly with the faults of his brother, to act upon the maxim that if a brother offend tell him of his fault in a kindly way, and if he repents forgive him."

It is by reviewing the lives of such men that we catch the full inspiration, more fully appreciate the tender pathos of the poet when he sings:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
'Life is but an empty dream!'
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

"Life is real! life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
Was not written of the soul.

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Foot-prints on the sands of time.

"Foot prints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again."

Calmly and peacefully he folded the drapery of his couch about him and sank quietly down to his rest. He has gone, and has left to his brothers a rich and invaluable legacy, the remembrance of the graces and virtues which so richly adorn his character.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—For the first time in sixteen years, Iowa now comes through her Representatives, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to one of her noble dead. One who years ago trod these halls in manly vigor and health, and who occupied an honored seat in this great council chamber, though but few if any now present, know of or remember his presence here. BENJAMIN BECKWITH WOODWARD departed this life on the 18th day of August, 1879, at Davenport, Iowa, aged sixty-two years and eleven days.

He was born in Wayne county, New York, on the 7th day of August, 1817. When but two years old his parents removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent some time, but much of his boyhood was passed in Camden, Preble county, Ohio, which latter place he visited last May, after an absence of thirty-six years. In 1842 his parents emigrated to Scott county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Davenport, the county seat of that county. The subject of this sketch accompanied them and remained on the farm until the spring of 1849, when he removed to the city of Davenport and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, and where he continued to reside until his death.

He was married in March, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth G. Morgan. "She was a noble woman as wife, mother, and in every relation, and her death after she had been his partner for more than twenty-five years gave him sorrow which never left him."

In 1856 he gave up merchandizing and was elected cashier of a private bank and held the position for two years, and was then chosen cashier of the Merchants Branch of the State Bank of Iowa, which continued business until 1865, when it transferred its allegiance to the National Government and became the Davenport National Bank, Brother WOODWARD still cashier. He filled that position until 1875, when he was elected president of the bank, the duties of which position he performed acceptably to all parties interested until he was prostrated by severe illness last fall.

In December last he visited the sunny South, stopping with a son at Beaufort, South Carolina. He returned in January seemingly much benefited, but his disease returned and again prostrated him from which he never fully recovered, although apparently convalescent for a time. In his business relations and interests, Brother WOODWARD was a friend of progress, always encouraging with all his influence, everything tending to increase and enhance the commercial prosperity of his adopted city, Davenport.

But few of its citizens have had the esteem and confidence of the community where he resided, more fully. He early became a member of Davenport Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., where he became an earnest worker and prominent member. He passed the chair of Noble Grand, and represented his Lodge in the State Grand Lodge at the session of 1855. In 1856, he was elected Deputy Grand Master; in 1857, Grand Master; in 1858, Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and served in that capacity two sessions—at Baltimore in 1859, and at Nashville in 1860. Last fall he was elected Grand Treasurer of his Grand Lodge, but resigned on account of ill health after serving three months. And now he has gone out from us. The members of the Order throughout our State feel his loss with deep sorrow; but his memory to us who survive him is a precious relic, and his good qualities and virtues remain to us an ever memorable legacy in the cause to which in his strength and power and manhood he gave the best of his years.

Rep. CRAIG, of New Hampshire, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It is my sad duty to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of WILLIAM P. BUELL, Past Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of New Hampshire

Brother BUELL was born in Newport, New Hampshire, November 11th, 1826; died in Nashua, January 23d, 1879. He was initiated into Custos Morum Lodge, No. 42, Milford, New Hampshire, December 26th, 1854. Soon after he removed to Nashua, and taking a final card from Custos Morum Lodge, he deposited the same in Granite Lodge, No. 1, and became a member November 22d, of the same year.

Having passed the chairs of the Subordinate Lodge, Brother BUELL was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire during the session of 1861; installed M. W. Grand Master August 18th, 1863; represented the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in this Grand Body in 1864 and 1865. He

was ever active and faithful to the interests of our Order; always ready to lend a helping hand to others. He has passed from the scenes of earth to reap the reward of his labors.

He lived not for himself alone but for others, and so will ever live in the memory of those whose hands he has strengthened and whose hearts he has made glad.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—ROBERT H. HOTCHKISS, late Representative to this Grand Body from the jurisdiction of Wisconsin, died at the city of New York, on the 29th day of September, 1878, while returning to his home from the last Annual Session.

Feeble in body, just off a sick bed, and wholly unable to endure the fatigue incident to a journey hither when he left home, yet impressed with the responsibility of office, and the laudable desire to discharge its duties, he went—much as the gallant soldier goes into battle—from a high sense of duty. His health not improving any by the journey, when he arrived here he was compelled, at great sacrifice of personal feelings, to keep his room during the entire session; not once, even, was he permitted to enter this assembly chamber and with us lay his offering of counsel and fraternal interest on this altar for the common good of our great brotherhood. In the morning, often, he would feel brighter and stronger, and say to his colleagues, "Now, to-morrow I shall be all right, and answer the roll call in the Grand Lodge myself." But, alas! how delusive those feelings, for when the morrow came instead of going to answer the roll call he was gradually sinking lower and lower, approaching nearer and nearer to the sound of the Master's gavel in that final roll call in the Grand Lodge above. Friday morning, before the close of the session, he sent a note to his colleagues, desiring some letters written and papers drawn, which fact he would fain have them think had no special significance, but that "having somehow forgotten or neglected to write them himself, he desired it to be done *now*." It was my fortune to go and draw the papers, but I went with a heavy heart, for I felt and almost knew that he made the request because he began to see his end approaching rapidly and was preparing for it. The papers were drawn, however, and he signed them sitting up in bed, with great difficulty, remarking playfully as he did so: "*There*, I guess they will need an interpreter or expert to make out the name." Apparently chatty and cheerful, yet he was *then* in the very vortex of the stream of death. Saturday he was worse, and recalled his physician several times. Sunday he rallied again, and spoke of taking exercise by promenading in the hall, but was persuaded to keep quiet. Monday his symptoms were more favorable, so that at a late hour of that evening, when I called, he was still dressed and sitting up, chatting with his wife of things present and past, and laughing heartily now and then with old time gist and jollity. Our greeting was hearty and cordial, and he showed no visible signs of weakness. "I am all right now," he continued "and shall be ready to accompany Brother JONES to New York on Wednesday." This was our last meeting and last conversation, except "good bye, my friend," when we parted for the night. I left for the West in the morning, and he for New York, with Rep. J. V. JONES, on Wednesday, where he died, as heretofore stated.

His life work cannot be fittingly recounted in a few pages, for it would fill a volume. Only a brief summary, therefore, of the more important events of his eventful life can be set down in words at this time.

ROBERT HENRY HOTCHKISS was born at Smithfield, Madison county, in the State of New York, December 24th, 1818, and was therefore upwards of sixty years old. He came with his parents to Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1836 or 1837, when, after a residence of four or five years, they removed to East Troy, Walworth county, and from thence to Milwaukee, where he engaged in business for about six years, and where he also became a member of the Order. In the year

1849 he removed to Plymouth, and engaged in the milling business, where he continued his residence and business until his death. Amid all his business cares and responsibilities he yet found time to devote a share of his thought and attention to public affairs. He was a member of the Assembly in 1857, and of the Senate in 1859 and 1860, and again in 1868. He also took a deep interest in the affairs of the county, holding various local offices of trust and responsibility, and his own town owes a great deal to his zealous and faithful labors in its behalf.

His record in the Order dates back to 1848, at Milwaukee. Thirty years—half his life time a member—than whom perhaps none were more faithful, more persistent, more energetic in the "cause" than he. Far up the ladder of life—fifty or so—when I first became intimately acquainted with him, yet he manifested the zeal and the energy of a young man. Ever present at the Lodge meeting. "Never absent" is the testimony of an old member of his Lodge. Ever watchful of its interest and the highest welfare of its individual members; bearing in his life and conduct continually that best rule, the Golden one; enterprising in extending the Order into new fields, he was a true missionary of the cause of Odd Fellowship in the region round about his home, establishing other Lodges and aiding by his frequent and friendly visits, to cheer and sustain the brotherhood in maintaining them. His horses and carriage were ready at a moment's notice to go here or there, to convey Grand Officers to distant Lodges in the county, or the brothers on an evening's visit to the same. A good financier, he rendered his own Lodge essential service in looking after its finances; in aiding it to build a Lodge Home and generally by his good judgment and equable temper, serving as a balance wheel to the Lodge machinery.

His loss to the Order in Wisconsin is a great one and most deeply felt by all the members. His record in the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction is long and full of usefulness, dating back twenty years or more. Not a lawyer by profession, yet possessing a natural legal mind which had been well trained in the fundamental principles of the law of the Order, he won a high reputation on the "Committee on the State of the Order," for his wise and correct decisions.

In 1874 he was placed in the chair of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment; in 1875 he was elected Grand High Priest, and in 1876 Grand Patriarch, filling each position with dignity and marked satisfaction to the Patriarchs. In 1877 he was sent as Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, during which term of office he died as stated, with its responsibilities and honors upon him.

In business he had few superiors, having a clear, accurate and comprehensive mind and knowledge of affairs; he was successful far beyond the average man. Commencing the world without either wealth, influential friends, rank, or much education, he won his way to honor and respectability, and was emphatically the architect of his own fortune.

Time forbids even a hasty sketch of his career in this respect. But this much we gathered from his own lips, "that honesty, industry and economy were the secret springs of his good fortune." In public and private life his character, like Cæsar's wife, was above reproach. He filled the eye of a large citizenship, who to day mourn, admire and respect him for his pure life and noble works. In the privacy of home and the sacred walks of domestic life his true worth shone most brilliantly. Happiness around the hearthstone he sought for and obtained in a high degree. Business was banished from that sacred retreat, and he gave himself up to enjoyment and making the loved ones happy. In this higher sphere his "better half," a modest woman of the olden type, who worshipped at no other shrine, joined him heartily, and together they made home happy, the dwelling place of comfort and contentment, where friends delighted to linger, and where the children, under its wholesome restraints, its refining and culturing influences, were reared in peace and good order, storing their minds with memories which in after years became a rich heritage of happy childhood.

Such in brief was our friend and brother, such his manliness and nobility of character, such the impressions he made on the minds of those who knew him longest and best. Hence it is no wonder that there is a void in the family, the

community, the Lodge at home, as we all well know there is in this Grand Body, when so pure, so noble a spirit as his has taken its exit and gone hence to that better land and that better Lodge beyond the river.

Rep. LEE, of Connecticut, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It is well that amid the busy time of our Annual Session we set apart this quiet evening hour, and for a few moments pause as the roll is called of those who have at various times occupied these seats and are seen of men no more.

The grand harvest of death is ever being gathered, and this great brotherhood must furnish its proportion of sheaves. Are they fully ripe? then it is well! So during the past year, our ripest sheaf has been gathered home. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, P. G. Representative, the last of the little band who forty years ago this present month were charter members of the first Lodge in Connecticut, always faithful, always ready to serve his brethren, is dead!

He was a native of Woodbridge, Connecticut, but the larger portion of his life was spent in New Haven. Educated as a physician he followed his profession for several years, until called to other fields of labor. He was Post Master at New Haven from 1853 to 1861; was Grand Secretary for nineteen years; Grand Treasurer for several years; elected Grand Representative on several occasions. In all these trusts he was faithful in the highest degree. His record is that of a good citizen, a kindly neighbor, an honest man. No one of all the more than six thousand Odd Fellows in Connecticut had the confidence of the brotherhood to a greater degree than he; none more tenderly beloved. So living, so loving, he journeyed down the hill towards the setting sun and felt no fear, for he lived and died at peace with God and man.

"T'was built upon such solid base,
Of brotherhood and duty,
That even time's despoiling hand,
Could scarcely mar its beauty.
And though to dust the dust returns,
The builder's inward spirit,
Of love to God and fellow man,
As brothers we inherit."

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—Again has the angel of death visited our jurisdiction, and Ohio mourns the loss of another distinguished and earnest laborer in the vineyard of Odd Fellowship. Brother PAXSON COATS, P. G. P. and P. G. R., departed this life on the 6th day of July last, aged sixty-four years.

Brother COATS was initiated in Franklin Lodge, No. 4, of Cincinnati, March 12th, 1846, and passed the chairs in that Lodge in 1849, and was admitted to the Grand Lodge of the State the following year. He was admitted and received the Encampment Degrees in Cincinnati Encampment, No. 22, in 1847, and soon became an enthusiastic worker in the Encampment branch. In July, 1853, he was elected Grand Patriarch of Ohio, and in 1855 and 1856 he served as Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio in the Grand Lodge of the United States. At the time of his death, he was a member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 83, and Cincinnati Encampment, No. 22, both located at Cincinnati, Ohio. During the thirty-three years of his connection with Odd Fellowship, he was one of its most zealous members. He was faithful in the performance of every duty, not only in exalted official positions, but in the more retired work of the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment. There by his steady attendance and active co-operation and zeal he made himself felt by his daily and weekly labors.

His ever willingness to perform any and all duties won for him the love and esteem of his fellow members.

In the death of Brother COATS our Grand jurisdiction has lost one who, in the faithful performance of duty in the several positions of honor to which the partiality of his brethren called him, evinced a zeal and integrity of purpose worthy of our imitation and emulation. His Lodge and Encampment have lost an active and valuable member; society an upright and useful citizen; his family a devoted husband and kind father. While we bow to the inevitable and sympathize with the afflicted family and friends, let us cherish and emulate the virtues of our deceased brother, and so live that when the gavel sounds in the Sovereign Grand Lodge above, we may be each found in our place and "*all correct.*"

The memorial addresses being concluded,

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance submit the following statement of estimated receipts and expenditures of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, ending August 31, 1880:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

From Representative Tax	$11,000 00
" Sale of Cards	10,500 00
" Sale of Odes	1,000 00
" Sale of Dismissal Certificates and Rebekah Certificates	250 00
" Sale of Books	5,000 00
" Charter Fees	50 00
" Dues from Subordinates	1,500 00
" Diplomas	1,000 00
" Interest on U. S. Bonds	420 00
	$30,720 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and Per Diem to Officers and Representatives	$15,600 00
Daily Journal	800 00
Revised Journal and Index	4,500 00
Books	300 00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	2,000 00
Grand Sire's, Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's Reports	350 00
Salary of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary	2,000 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary	2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	350 00
Salary of Grand Messenger	800 00
Rent, Fuel, &c., Grand Secretary's Office, and lease of ground	450 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Postage on Officers' Reports and Daily Journal of 1879	350 00
Expenses of Committee on Revision of Degrees	500 00
Expenses of Committee on Printing Supplies	62 88
Theo. A. Ross, Committee on Supplies (1878), special appropriation	18 00
Grosh Memorial Committee, special appropriation	18 60
Jos. F. Schweitzer, Janitor, special appropriation	25 00
Translating and Printing French Charge Books, special appropriation	100 00
	$31,224 48

Your committee also recommend that the Grand Secretary, in the publication of the Revised Journal, condense the abstract of reports taken from the various jurisdictions, as much as possible.

The following resolution is offered:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-one thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty-eight cents ($31,224.48), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and the R. W. Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrants on the R. W. Grand Treasurer therefor, at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay all properly approved bills of accounts as may be presented; *provided however*, that the R. W. Grand Secretary shall only draw his warrants for, and the R. W. Grand Treasurer only pay, the respective sums specified as appropriated for the several items designated above.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to sell, from time to time, such of the United States bonds in his possession, the property of this Grand Lodge, as shall be found necessary to pay warrants drawn upon him by the Grand Secretary as above.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H RANDALL, C. C. BATTERMAN, JNO. T. GIVEN,
JNO. E. MCCAHAN, GEO. HASKINS, JOSHUA J. WALTON.

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee agree to the whole of the foregoing report, except the increase of the salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary.

We are satisfied that $4,000 is too much to be paid annually to the Grand Secretary and the Assistant. Their salaries were fixed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, at a fair and reasonable amount, and we are unwilling to agree to any increase in the same, and therefore report adversely to said increase.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, D. B. WOODRUFF, M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved that the majority report be adopted.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out "majority" and inserting "minority," which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the minority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bro. DURHAM. P. G. Sire, moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted, and that the motion lay on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed to each Officer and Representative, according to the resolution adopted at the present session, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. C. PEARCE, A. D. MEACHAM, WM. CHENEY.
E. H. TUCKER, H. ALTMAN,

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Place of Nativity.	PROFESSION.	Town or Post Office.	STATE.	Miles Traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
Harmon, J. B., M.W. G. Sire	Ohio	Lawyer	San Francisco	California.	3216	6	$308 75	$30 00	$338 75
Glenn, Luther J., R.W. D. G. Sire.	Georgia	Lawyer	Atlanta	Georgia	689	6	55 10	30 00	85 10
Ridgely, J. L., R. W. G. C. & R. Sec	Maryland.	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland.					
Vansant, Joshua, R. W. G. Treas.	Maryland.	City Comptroller	Baltimore	Maryland.					
Ross, T. A., R.W. Asst. G. Sec'y	N. Jersey	Asst. Grand Sec'y	Baltimore	Maryland.					
Venable, J.W., R W.G. Chaplain.	Dist. Col.	Clergyman	Versailles	Kentu'ky.	718	6	57 45	30 00	87 45
Taylor, Nathan, R.W.G Marshal	Mass.	Merchant	Worcester	Mass	367	6	29 35	30 00	59 35
Woodell, B. H., R.W.G. Guardian	N. Carol'a.	Merchant	Raleigh	N. Carol'a.	339	6	27 10	30 00	57 10
Gatch, Chas. H., R.W. G. Mess'ger	Maryland.	Grand Messenger	Baltimore	Maryland.					
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Altman, H	Germany	Merchant	Cheyenne	Wyoming.					
Andrew, Wm. N	Conn	Printer	Norwich	Conn	327	6	26 15	30 00	56 15
Anderson, Lindsay	Scotland	Merchant	Providence	R. Island	374	6	29 90	30 00	59 90
Armstrong, James A	Maryland.	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	601	6	48 10	30 00	78 10
Bagley, Wm. H	N. Carol'a.	Lawyer	Raleigh	N. Carol'a.	339	6	27 10	30 00	57 10
Bailey, Norman	N. York	Merchant	Hastings	Michigan	842	6	67 35	30 00	97 35
Batterman, C. C	N. York	Miner	Virginia City.	Nevada	2988	6	286 85	30 00	316 85
Beatty, Frank G	Penna	Insurance Agent	Grass Valley	California.	3089	6	296 55	30 00	326 55
Bigelow, George H	Canada	Journalist	Burlington	Vermont	492	6	39 35	30 00	69 35
Blandford, R. A	Kentu'ky.	Gen'l Ins. Agent	Austin	Texas	1776	6	170 50	30 00	200 50
Block, Herman	Germany	Lawyer	Davenport	Iowa	1023	6	81 85	30 00	111 85

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Boyles, George B.	Tenn.	Lawyer	Fayetteville	Tenn.	773	6	$61 85	$30 00	$91 85
Brandt, Adolph	Georgia	Lawyer	Augusta	Georgia	620	6	49 60	30 00	79 60
Buckingham, R. G.	N. York	Physician	Denver	Colorado	1861	6	178 65	30 00	208 65
Busbee, Charles M.	N. Carol'a.	Lawyer	Raleigh	N. Carol'a.	339	6	27 10	30 00	57 10
Blanks, James B.	Virginia	Book-keeper	Norfolk	Virginia	179	6	14 30	30 00	44 30
Campbell, C. T.	Ontario	Physician	London	Ontario	541	6	43 30	30 00	73 30
Charlton, John	England	Insurance Agent	Lawrence	Kansas	1257	6	100 55	30 00	130 55
Cheney, William	N. Hamp.	Insurance Agent	Minneapolis	Minn	1260	6	100 80	30 00	130 80
Clark, John G.	Illinois	Lawyer	Lancaster	Wiscon'in	1075	6	86 00	30 00	116 00
Courtney, Alfred R.	Virginia	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	156	6	12 50	30 00	42 50
Craig, Alonzo F.	Maine	Insurance Agent	Portsmouth	N. Hamp.	457	6	36 55	30 00	66 55
Crane, Aaron B.	N. Jersey	Mechanic	Newark	N. Jersey	179	6	14 30	30 00	44 30
Davis, James L.	N. Jersey	Merchant	Helena	Montana	2900	6	278 40	30 00	308 40
Davis, William S.	Penna.	Livery Stable	Little Rock	Arkansas	1109	6	88 70	30 00	118 70
Douglass, O. G.	Maine	Merchant	Lewiston	Maine	552	*8	44 15	40 00	84 15
Downs, David	England	Merchant	Wilmington	Delaware	70	6	5 60	30 00	35 60
Dunbaugh, C. P.	Ohio	Stock Grower	Greenhorn	Colorado	1766	6	169 55	30 00	199 55
Dye, Walter G.	N. York	Publisher	Winona	Minn	1137	6	90 95	30 00	120 95
Elder, Clarence P.	Penna	Real Estate	Denver	Colorado	1849	6	177 50	30 00	207 50
Elliott, Theodore B.	N. York	Lawyer	Milwaukee	Wiscon'in.	922	6	73 75	30 00	103 75
Evans, W. W.	England	Butcher	Olympia	Wash'ton.	3949	6	379 10	30 00	409 10
Farrington, Henry A.	Maine	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hamp.	460	6	36 80	30 00	66 80

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Ferguson, D	Penna	Physician	Union City	Indiana	620	6	$49 60	$30 00	$79 60
Fessenden, Albert L	Mass.	Manufacturer	Townsend	Mass	445	6	35 60	30 00	65 60
Field, J. Hampden	Ontario	Photographer	Montreal	Quebec	550	6	44 00	30 00	74 00
Ford, J. C	Ireland	Merchant	Lincoln	Nebraska	1382	6	110 55	30 00	140 55
Garey, Henry F	Maryland	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Gale, John N	Vermont	Supt. Water Works	St. Johnsbury	Vermont	532	6	42 55	30 00	72 55
Gibson, John	Scotland	Baker	Stratford	Ontario	538	6	43 05	30 00	73 05
Given, John T	Dist. Col.	Merchant	Washington	Dist. Col.	40	*8	3 20	40 00	43 20
Graham, Frank	Mass.	Merchant	Halifax	N. Scotia	1166	6	93 30	30 00	123 30
Graves, William H	Missouri	Druggist	Monticello	Missouri	1122	6	89 75	30 00	119 75
Greeley, J. L	N. Hamp.	Lawyer	Aurora	Nevada	3100	6	297 60	30 00	327 60
Grisamore, Silas T	Indiana	Merchant	Thibodaux	Louis'ana	1259	6	100 70	30 00	130 70
Gwinner, Samuel F	Penna	Lawyer	Taylorsville	Penna	141	6	11 30	30 00	41 30
Haskins, George	N. York	Jeweler	New York	N. York	188	6	15 05	30 00	45 05
Havenner, John F	Dist. Col.	Baker	Washington	Dist. Col.	40	6	3 20	30 00	33 20
Hazlett, Wm. R	Ohio	Manufacturer	Zanesville	Ohio	454	6	36 30	30 00	66 30
Hearn, W. C	Alabama	Minister	Huntsville	Alabama	761	6	60 90	30 00	90 90
Heaton, C. W	Illinois	Druggist	Farmington	Illinois	1010	6	80 80	30 00	110 80
Hedges, Henry C	Ohio	Lawyer	Mansfield	Ohio	525	6	42 00	30 00	72 00
Henderson, Amos	Illinois	Clerk	Jacksonville	Illinois	971	6	77 70	30 00	107 70
Hensel, George L	Virginia	Grocer	Martinsburg	W. Virg'a.	100	6	8 00	30 00	38 00
Herring, M. D	Miss.	Lawyer	Waco	Texas	1604	6	154 00	30 00	184 00

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Hogan, William E	Maine	Lawyer	Bath	Maine	548	6	$43 85	$30 00	$73 85
Holland, John G	N. Carol'a.	Lawyer	Searcy	Arkansas	1240	6	99 20	30 00	129 20
Housel, C. C	Ohio	Real Estate Agent	Omaha	Nebraska	1328	6	106 25	30 00	136 25
Hyde, Nelson C	Vermont	Farmer	Poultney	Vermont	429	6	34 30	30 00	64 30
Jakes, John T	Delaware	Merchant	Wyoming	Delaware	121	6	9 70	30 00	39 70
Jenckes, Allen	R. Island	Clerk	Providence	R. Island	374	6	29 90	30 00	59 90
Johnson, William S	R. Island	Merchant	Providence	R. Island	374	6	29 90	30 00	59 90
Johnstone, Silas	S. Carol'a.	Lawyer	Newberry	S. Carol'a.	582	6	46 55	30 00	76 55
Jones, John M	Maryland	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland.	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Jones, Richard J	N. Carol'a.	Secretary & Treas.	Wilmington	N. Carol'a.	404	6	32 30	30 00	62 30
Kelsey, S. H	Indiana	Merchant	Atchison	Kansas	1271	6	101 70	30 00	131 70
Kennedy, W. B	Ohio	Com. Merchant	Cincinnati	Ohio	601	6	48 10	30 00	78 10
Lake, John	England	Lumber Dealer	Rockford	Illinois	933	6	74 65	30 00	104 65
Lee, William Wallace	Conn	Machinist	West Meriden	Conn	280	6	22 40	30 00	52 40
Leech, Erie J	N. York	Lawyer	Keokuk	Iowa	1041	*8	83 30	40 00	123 30
Lehman, Charles	Miss	Merchant	Vicksburg	Miss	1099	6	87 90	30 00	117 90
Lindsley, M. P	N. York	Lawyer	Green Bay	Wiscon'in.	1038	6	83 05	30 00	113 05
Locke, John H	N. Hamp.	Surveyor	Portsmouth	N. Hamp.	458	6	36 65	30 00	66 65
McCahan, John E	Maryland.	Teacher	Baltimore	Maryland.	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
McKenzie, John H	Scotland	Merchant	Summit	Miss	1129	6	90 30	30 00	120 30
McLean, William R	Virginia	Printer	Washington	Dist. Col.	40	6	3 20	30 00	33 20
Meacham, A. D	Ohio	Merchant	Cornucopia	Nevada	2735	6	262 55	30 00	292 55

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Miller, John R	N. Hamp.	Pharmacist	Peterborough.	N. Hamp.	420	6	$33 60	$30 00	$63 60
Miller, J. A	Virginia	Merchant	Wheeling	W. Virg'a.	379	6	30 30	30 00	60 30
Miller, Christian	Germany	Manufacturer	Newark	N. Jersey	179	6	14 30	30 00	44 30
Miller, E. W	Ohio	Lawyer	Elk Point	Dakota	1362	6	108 95	30 00	138 95
Minturn, L. T	W. Virg'a.	Miller	Amazonia	Missouri	1241	6	99 30	30 00	129 30
Moore, George S	Penna	Merchant	Louisville	Kentu'ky.	711	6	56 90	30 00	86 90
Morgan, John	Indiana	Cashier	Huntington	Indiana	684	6	54 70	30 00	84 70
Morris, William W	N. York	Insurance Agent	Louisville	Kentu'ky.	711	6	56 90	30 00	86 90
Morrison, D. A	Penna	Merchant	Rochester	Minn	1187	6	94 95	30 00	124 95
Muckle. M. Richards	Penna	Business Manager	Philadelphia	Penna	98	6	7 85	30 00	37 85
Myers, W. R	Ohio	Lawyer	Anderson	Indiana	670	6	53 60	30 00	83 60
Newbury, W. S	N. York	Lawyer	Portland	Oregon	3829	6	367 60	30 00	397 60
Newell, William A.	Ohio	Physician	Allentown	N. Jersey	159	6	12 70	30 00	42 70
Newman, Bernard	Germany	Merchant	Council Bluffs	Iowa	1303	6	104 25	30 00	134 25
Nicholson, James B	Penna	Bookbinder	Philadelphia	Penna	98	6	7 85	30 00	37 85
Nutt, William N	N. Jersey	Clerk	Trenton	N. Jersey	135	6	10 85	30 00	40 85
Parson, T. T	Ontario	Merchant	St. Louis	Missouri	928	6	74 25	30 00	104 25
Pearce, C. C	Florida	Farmer	Tallahassee	Florida	999	6	79 90	30 00	109 90
Perry, John H	Canada	Registrar	Whitby	Ontario	554	6	44 30	30 00	74 30
Perkins, John U	Mass	Gas Fitter	Chelsea	Mass	406	*8	32 50	40 00	72 50
Price, John M	Kentu'ky.	Lawyer	Atchison	Kansas	1271	6	101 70	30 00	131 70
Randall, Charles H	R. Island	Editor	Sonora	California.	3188	6	306 05	30 00	336 05

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Rawlings, C. H	Maryland.	Bookbinder	Baltimore	Maryland.	.....	6	.....	$30 00	$30 00
Rengstorff, J. E	Germany	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana.	1199	6	$95 90	30 00	125 90
Robbe, Charles A	N. Hamp.	Manufacturer	Augusta	Georgia	620	6	49 60	30 00	79 60
Robbins, Gilbert F.	R. Island.	Merchant	Providence	R. Island.	374	6	29 90	30 00	59 90
Robinson, Jacob H	Virginia	Tax Collector	Lynchburg	Virginia	218	6	17 45	30 00	47 45
Sexton, Leonidas	Indiana	Lawyer	Rushville	Indiana	660	6	52 80	30 00	82 80
Seymour, William	Ireland	Builder	New Orleans	Louisiana.	1199	6	95 90	30 00	125 90
Shaffner, Tal. P	Virginia	Lawyer	Louisville	Kentu'ky.	711	6	56 90	30 00	86 90
Shearer, George H	N. York	Mechanic	Bay City	Michigan.	783	6	62 65	30 00	92 65
Sheppard, Isaac A	N. Jersey	Manufacturer	Philadelphia	Penna	98	*8	7 85	40 00	47 85
Shields, William A	N. York	Printer	Mobile	Alabama.	1042	6	83 35	30 00	113 35
Shipley, E. R	Penna	Postmaster	Springfield	Missouri	1178	6	94 25	30 00	124 25
Sloss, Joseph H	Alabama	Lawyer	Huntsville	Alabama	761	6	60 90	30 00	90 90
Smith, Charles W	Conn	Cabinet Maker	Bridgeport	Conn	245	6	19 60	30 00	49 60
Smith, Augustine D	Maine	Builder	Portland	Maine	510	6	40 80	30 00	70 80
Smith, William H	Maine	Inspector Customs	Portland	Maine	510	6	40 80	30 00	70 80
Spates, Thomas S	Maryland.	Merchant	Clarksburg	W. Virg'a.	301	6	24 10	30 00	54 10
Spencer, Edward H	Penna	Carriage Maker	Wilmington	Delaware.	70	6	5 60	30 00	35 60
Stafford, I. C	Louis'ana.	Merchant	Houston	Texas	1624	6	155 90	30 00	185 90
Staley, Thomas J	Ohio	Clerk R. R	Omaha	Nebraska.	1328	6	106 25	30 00	136 25
Stebbins, John W	N. York	Lawyer	Rochester	N. York	354	6	28 30	30 00	58 30
Stirling, Thomas	England	Sec'y and Treas	Bridgeport	Conn	245	6	19 60	30 00	49 60
Sweeney, W. L	N. Jersey	Carriage Maker	Rock Island	Illinois	1022	6	81 75	30 00	111 75

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Taylor, Henry A	Scotland	Druggist	Halifax	N. Scotia	1166	6	$93 30	$30 00	$123 30
Thompson, Robert	Ireland	Merchant	Nashville	Tenn	815	6	65 20	30 00	95 20
Thomson, Edward H	England	Lawyer	Flint	Michigan	733	6	58 65	30 00	88 65
Tracy, D. B	Conn	R. R. Agent	Detroit	Michigan	705	6	56 40	30 00	86 40
Tucker, E. H	Mass	R. R. Supt	Needham	Mass	414	6	33 10	30 00	63 10
Underwood, John C	Dist. Col	Engineer	Bowl'g Green	Kentu'ky	825	*8	66 00	40 00	106 00
Van Nort, John F	N. York	Druggist	Newburgh	N. York	249	6	19 90	30 00	49 90
Very, Nathaniel A	Mass	City Treasurer	Salem	Mass	416	6	33 30	30 00	63 30
Wagner, A. B	Georgia	Merchant	Meridian	Miss	957	6	76 55	30 00	106 55
Walker, H. D	Penna	Mechanic	Mt. Pleasant	Iowa	1030	6	82 40	30 00	112 40
Walling, A. G	Illinois	Printer	Portland	Oregon	3829	6	367 60	30 00	397 60
Walton, Joshua J	Indiana	Lawyer	Eugene City	Oregon	3912	6	375 55	30 00	405 55
Weatherby, George E	England	Miner	Shullsburg	Wiscon'in	984	6	78 70	30 00	108 70
Weakley, Joseph L	Tennessee	Merchant	Nashville	Tenn	815	6	65 20	30 00	95 20
Welch, Thomas R	Kentu'ky	Minister	Little Rock	Arkansas	1109	6	88 70	30 00	118 70
White, John H	N. York	Lawyer	Albion	N. York	384	6	30 70	30 00	60 70
Wilson, T. K	Maine	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	3216	6	308 75	30 00	338 75
Woodruff, D. B	Conn	Architect	Macon	Georgia	792	6	63 35	30 00	93 35
Woodyatt, James	England	City Clerk	Brantford	Ontario	498	6	39 85	30 00	69 85
Winn, H. S	N. Hamp	Merchant	San Francisco	California	3216	6	308 75	30 00	338 75
Total					134,793	888	$11,641 75	$4,440 00	$16,081 75

*Two days allowed for extra work on committee.

In the cent columns, five cents and multiples thereof only are given.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred an extract from the minutes of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, session of 1879, submitted by Rep. HEDGES, from that State, involving the question, whether a Lodge, under Article 106a, White's Digest, has the right to expend its funds for "hiring watchers to watch with its own or transient members, the purchase of real estate, the building of halls, the purchase of large and costly frames for charters and pictures, albums for the same purpose, and many other such articles." (Journal, page 8080), have carefully considered the same, and in connection with said Article 106a, all the law bearing thereupon, and beg leave to report that in their opinion, a Subordinate Lodge has the right to expend its funds, not otherwise interdicted, "for any or all of the purposes above named."

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, W. R. MYERS, W. E. HOGAN,
E. H. THOMSON, SAM'L F. GWINNER, HENRY C. HEDGES,
JNO. F. VAN NORT, FRANK G. BEATTY, JOHN HAM PERRY.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report bearing upon this Degree, would respectfully report:

That they are aware of the misunderstanding which has existed in relation to the legislation of the last session, the language being perhaps not as explicit as it might have been, and for the purpose of fully setting forth the intentions of the committee, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Masters of State, District or Territorial jurisdictions in which Rebekah Degree Lodges have been or may hereafter be instituted, be required to make a semi-Annual Pass Word for the Degree of Rebekah, which shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room.

This semi-Annual Word shall only be used in the jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it.

Resolved, That the Annual Pass Word shall be given both in Subordinate Lodges and in Rebekah Degree Lodges, and used as a further proof test of membership in the Degree, as well as to enable all members having the Degree to visit Subordinate Lodges when open for the purpose of conferring the Degree. This Annual Pass Word shall also be used in conjunction with a card issued by a Rebekah Degree Lodge, when visiting a Rebekah Degree Lodge in jurisdictions other than the one to which the visitor belongs.

Resolved, That Rebekah Degree Lodges shall confer the Degree on those persons only who may apply for membership in such Lodges.

Resolved, That all legislation not in conformity with the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed; *provided*, that nothing herein shall prevent the Grand Officers from visiting Rebekah Degree Lodges in their official capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. HAVENNER, JOHN LAKE, GEO. S. MOORE,
W. B. KENNEDY, J. A. MILLER, H. S. WINN.
A. L. FESSENDEN,

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, upon an examination of the books, report the assets of this Grand Lodge on hand on August 30th, 1879, to consist of:

Cash		$11,495 17
U. S. six per cent Bonds		8,000 00
Available funds		$19,495 17
Electro Plates	$5,217 10	
Steel and Copper Plates	3,550 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	7,752 16	
Library	707 91	
Grand Lodge Building	3,265 04	
Due from Individuals	182 83	
Due from Subordinates	159 96	
Supplies on hand (cost)	6,764 57	
Due from Grand Bodies	2,160 84	
Due from Surplus Relief Fund	23 50	
Cash from North Star Lodge, No. 2	108 00	
		$29,891 91
Available	$19,495 17	
Materials, &c	29,891 91	
		$49,387 08

It will be perceived that the condition of the Grand Lodge is improved, the assets being in excess of those of the previous year, to the amount of $1,086.96. The committee congratulate you on this result.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, GEO. HASKINS, D. B. WOODRUFF,
CHAS. H. RANDALL, JNO. E. MCCAHAN, M. J. DURHAM,
C. C. BATTERMAN, JNO. T. GIVEN, JOSHUA J. WALTON.

Rep. PARSON, of Missouri, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend Article II. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge by adding after the word Messenger "Past Grand Sires," so that the Article will read:

This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, Past Grand Sires, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

Amend Article X., Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word motions, "and serving on committees," so that the Article will read, as amended:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions and serving on committees, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.

T. T. PARSON, Missouri. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE, New York. O. G. DOUGLASS, Maine.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. HOGAN, of Maine, viz:

"*Resolved*, That when a Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment assumes to deny to one of its members the right of appeal to this R. W. Grand Lodge from the action of said Subordinate, it assumes a position not consistent with our laws or the spirit of our institution; for the consent of a Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is not necessary to enable a member of said Subordinate in good standing, to appeal from its action to this R. W. Grand Lodge."

Have considered the same, and beg leave to report that this Grand Lodge has repeatedly decided that "unless the appeal papers, on their face, show that the State Grand Lodge has granted permission to appeal, as required by law," the same will not be entertained. (White's Digest, 87, and Journal of Proceedings there referred to). Your committee therefore, report adversely to said resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, E. H. THOMSON, W. R. MYERS,
SAM'L F. GWINNER, HENRY C. HEDGES, FRANK G. BEATTY.
JNO. F. VAN NORT, J. HAM PERRY,

Rep. MOORE, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PERKINS, page 8116 Journal, would report:

That while their efforts have been directed to give all the protection and advantage they could to the regular Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, they do not feel disposed to interfere with the vested rights of Subordinate Lodges; they therefore do not think it good policy to recommend, as provided in the resolution, "that henceforth Subordinate Lodges shall not confer the Degree of Rebekah upon any of their members, and that it shall not be required of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of a Lodge to have received the Degree of Rebekah prior to installation."

We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. MOORE, J. A. MILLER, W. B. KENNEDY,
JNO. F. HAVENNER, JOHN LAKE, A. L. FESSENDEN.
H. S. WINN,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Special Committee to Revise the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The special committee appointed to revise the rules of order of this Grand Lodge would respectfully report that they have been unable to give the attention to the matter that the subject seems to demand, and are therefore unable

to present a full report at the present session. But as a revision of the rules of order undoubtedly should be made, we would submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be continued, with power to report upon the subject at the next annual communication.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L F. GWINNER, J. W. STEBBINS, HENRY F. GAREY.
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, C. M. BUSBEE,

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, from the Special Committee on Endowment, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your special committee on so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to "Endowment," having considered the same, ask leave to report:

That the action of the Grand Lodge taken at the present session has disposed of the question. Therefore they recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LINDSLEY, JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.
JAMES WOODYATT, CHARLES C. HOUSEL,

Rep. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the following preamble and resolution, viz:

"WHEREAS, Yerba Buena Lodge, No 15, and Bay City Lodge, No. 71, of California, advanced $375.00 each to the D. G. Sire in 1878 to assist in defraying the expenses of the mission to Australia; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee take the subject under consideration, and report to this Grand Lodge what is proper in the premises."

Would respectfully report they have decided to refer the matter back to this Grand Body for its consideration without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. MCCAHAN, CHAS. H. RANDALL, JOSHUA J. WALTON.
C. C. BATTERMAN, JOHN T. GIVEN,

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee would report that they have examined the claim of Yerba Buena and Bay City Lodges of California, and do not believe the same should be paid by this Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend that the same should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. DURHAM, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
D. B. WOODRUFF, GEORGE HASKINS.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of RICHARD ROWLAND, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in the case of HANS ANDERSON *vs.* Principle Lodge, No. 48, respectfully report as follows:

The record in the case shows that Bro. HANS ANDERSON, a member of Principle Lodge, was tried and convicted in his Lodge of fraudulently obtaining benefits, and expelled. He appealed to the District Grand Committee, which sustained the action of the Lodge and dismissed the appeal. He then appealed to the Grand Lodge of New York, and stated five grounds, which set forth, however, only three separate and distinct objections, which may be stated as follows:

1. That the evidence before the Trial Committee, and which was examined by the District Grand Committee, did not sustain the charges.

2. That the Trial Committee erred in receiving the testimony of events prior and subsequent to the dates charged in the specifications.

3. That the Trial Committee erred in receiving the testimony of two of their own Body, and still allowing them to sit on the committee.

The Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of New York, in regard to the first point, reported that under the laws of that jurisdiction they were confined "exclusively to matters of law, irregularities or unfairness in the proceedings of the Grand Committee," and that while on examination of the evidence, they found it barely sufficient to sustain the decision of the Lodge, it is not their province, or that of the Grand Lodge, to weigh the evidence; that is exclusively for the Subordinate Lodge or the Trial Committee, and that the Grand Lodge could not therefore consider or pass upon the question of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the evidence to sustain the charge.

On the second point, the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of New York say that this involves a mere rule of order or of parliamentary law, and it was the province of the committee to make their own rule.

On the third point they say that the two members of the committee were examined as witnesses in the presence of the full committee, and whether they were competent witnesses or not, it is sufficient that they were sworn and examined without objection, and it is now too late to raise it for the first time, and for these reasons the said Committee of Appeals recommend that the decision of the District Grand Committee dismissing the appeal of HANS ANDERSON be confirmed in all things. This report was received by the Grand Lodge of New York and the recommendation adopted, and from this action P. G. ROWLAND asked and obtained permission to appeal to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee have given this case a careful consideration, and are of the opinion that the positions of the Committee of Appeals of New York upon the *first* and *third* grounds of appeal, stated above, are clearly contrary to the laws and usages of the Order and the decisions of this Grand Lodge, and without expressing any opinion as to the report of said committee upon the *second* ground, that being unnecessary, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of RICHARD ROWLAND, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in the case of HANS ANDERSON be sustained, and that the case be recommitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, with directions to re-hear the case in accordance with the opinions expressed in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. COURTNEY,	WM. H. BAGLEY,	T. S. SPATES,
WILLIAM W. MORRIS,	T. B. ELLIOTT,	WM. WALLACE LEE,
JOHN U. PERKINS,	E. W. MILLER,	JOHN G. CLARK.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

In consideration of the fact that the Representative of Wyoming does not represent ten Subordinate Lodges, which is requisite to entitle Grand Representatives to mileage and per diem; be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does hereby donate to the Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount paid as Representative Tax for the past two years.

Rep. WOODRUFF, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SLOSS, of Alabama, viz:

"*Resolved*, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them), be furnished with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States free of charge (except express charges), and with one copy of 'White's Digest and Book of Forms,' at cost."

Beg leave to report *adverse* to the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WOODRUFF, JOHN T. GIVEN, JOSHUA J. WALTON,
CHAS. H. RANDALL, M. J. DURHAM, GEO. HASKINS,
JOHN E. MCCAHAN, C. C. BATTERMAN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That no Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall appropriate more than five per cent. of its Lodge or Encampment funds, nor in any case more than one hundred dollars, in any one year, for the purpose of celebrating the 26th of April."

Beg leave to report that the matter in question is one for local legislation, and should properly be left to the sound discretion of a Subordinate, subject to the supervision of its Grand Body.

But as it is represented to us that in some instances ruinous appropriations have been made to the destruction of the funds held for purposes of relief, and subversive of the primary objects of the Order, we submit the following as a proper regulation:

Resolved, That although it is left to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, in their discretion, to appropriate their funds for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the Order, yet that discretion must be exercised in a reasonable manner, and Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges may enact suitable regulations to prevent their Subordinates from making grossly excessive appropriations for such purposes to the injury of the funds, that should primarily be held for purposes of relief.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. BOYLES, J. W. STEBBINS, HENRY F. GAREY,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, HERMAN BLOCK, JOS. A. SLOSS,
J. C. UNDERWOOD, J. HAMPDEN FIELD, O. G. DOUGLASS.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution introduced by Rep. PEARCE, page 8171, Journal, respectfully report that the Grand Lodge of Wyoming has not the requisite number of Subordinate Lodges to entitle its Grand Representative to mileage and per diem; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does hereby donate to the Grand Lodge of Wyoming one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount paid by said Grand Lodge for Representative Tax the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, J. E. MCCAHAN, D. B. WOODRUFF,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, GEORGE HASKINS, M. J. DURHAM,
C. C. BATTERMAN, JOSHUA J. WALTON, JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

Amend Section 5, of Article I., by adding at the end thereof the word "present," so that the Section shall read as follows:

SEC. 5. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge present.

J. W. STEBBINS, New York. CHAS. A. ROBBE, Georgia.
J. HAMPDEN FIELD, Quebec. GEO. B. BOYLES, Tennessee.
ERIE J. LEECH, Iowa.

The consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The first report, page 8067, from the Legislative Committee, on sundry propositions for the extension of the term of office in Subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. CHARLTON, of Kansas, on the subject of a member in arrears for dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the Warrant issued to Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Phœnix, Arizona, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8068, from the same committee, on the return of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the return of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland for a Charter as an independent Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8069, from the same committee, on the petition for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Idaho, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the question submitted by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, as to the right of aged and indigent brethren to the same benefits as if sick or disabled, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8072, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the Grand Sire during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of Oriental Lodge, Vermont, as referred to by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8073, from the Legislative Committee, on the request of the Grand Encampment of Ohio and the Grand Lodge of Florida, that they be permitted to hold biennial sessions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of HERMANN STIEFEL from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered in connection with the minority report, page 8074.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the minority report be adopted.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend by striking out "minority" and inserting "majority." The question being on the amendment, it was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 8075, from the same committee, on the appeal of Tremont Lodge, No. 15, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8076, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of J. G. SCHAAR from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Rep. BATTERMAN, of Nevada, donating a set of the Journals and Digest to D. O. ADKISON, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of JOHN COLSON from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8077, from the Special Committee to prepare a Burial Service for a Daughter of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8078, from the Judiciary Committee, on the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as to the right to declare a ballot void on account of errors of brothers in voting, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, that members of this Order may unite with the Manchester Unity, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, in reference to Lodges working in the Scarlet Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8079, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, on the subject of issuing visiting cards, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of special sessions of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8082, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, with reference to the examination of the principal officers of Lodges and Encampments in the unwritten work before their installation, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No.

1, on the appeal of W. R. SPOONER from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of JOHN DAVIES, Representative of Oriental Lodge, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8083, from the same committee, on the appeal of Granite Lodge, No. 14, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8084, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 89, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8086, from the same committee, on the appeal of H. H. BLANCHARD from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of B. S. MERRIAM from the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8087, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the memorial of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, of Maine, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by striking out the entire report and inserting the following:

WHEREAS, The grievance of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, is improperly before the Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the case be dismissed without prejudice to the right of appeal in proper form.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved to amend by inserting the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine be directed to send to this Sovereign Grand Lodge the record in the case of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, and in the meantime the Grand Lodge of Maine be directed to restore Belfast Lodge to full fellowship, and to return to it all the property, funds and effects taken from it by the Grand Master.

The previous question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. BUSBEE, of North

Carolina?" which was resolved in the affirmative, and the report as amended was adopted.

Rep. HEARN, of Alabama, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The next report, page 8088, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, on the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, concerning a special degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. VERY, of Massachusetts, in regard to wearing fringe on baldrics, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8089, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, was considered.

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following:

Resolved, That the report of the committee be recommitted with instructions to report in favor of the adoption of the resolution offered by Rep. SHEPPARD.

The question being on the motion to recommit, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend by adopting the resolution quoted by the committee, to wit:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby, authorized to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon all persons that are qualified by the laws of the Order to receive said Degree, and that all laws inconsistent with this resolution be, and are hereby, repealed.

Instead of their recommendation, which was agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HASKINS, of New York, on the position of a Daughter of Rebekah who marries a person not a member of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8090, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of "difficulty of administration" as submitted by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Washington, Quebec, Arkansas and Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8091, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Delaware, West Virginia, Colorado, Illinois, and the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8092, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island concerning the interpretation of the words "temporary absence," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8093, from the Special Committee on the establishment of a Home for Invalid Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8094, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolutions of Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, on the subject of admitting to membership in Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah widows of suspended members of the Order, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8095, from the Committee on Petitions, on the request of the Representatives of Arkansas that new Charters be issued to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the accompanying resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The next report, page 8107, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, on the

subject of printing the ritual in the French language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of SAMUEL BLACK from the action of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8108, from the same committee, on the appeal of N. G. SHELLEY from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8109, from the same committee, on the appeal of F. A. MARBLE from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, moved the following:

Resolved, That the report be recommitted to the Appeal Committee, No. 2, with instructions to report the facts, to wit: That when the said R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio caused the votes to be counted for Grand Scribe, it appeared that JOSEPH DOWDALL had received 811 votes and JAMES ANDERTON had received 806 votes; and with further instructions to report sustaining said appeal of F. A. MARBLE.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of "basis of representation," etc., as referred to by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8110, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of JOHN T. HARCOURT from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8111, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of HERMANN THAL and CONRAD VETTER from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the subjects in the reports of the Grand Sire and

Grand Secretary, referred to this committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8112, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of dues and benefits, as referred to by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the appeal of M. M. HARRIS from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8113, from the same committee, on a question submitted by Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, in relation to omitting the name of an expelled member from the Charter of a Subordinate, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the subject of Oriental Lodge, No. 36, Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8116, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of charts, etc., as referred to by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8117, from the same committee, on that part of the Grand Sire's report relating to the Manchester Unity, was considered.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the reading was dispensed with, and, on his motion, the further consideration of the report was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, the Grand Lodge at 12:30 A. M. adjourned until 9 A. M., this day.

SATURDAY, September 20, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
LUTHER J. GLENN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
NATHAN TAYLOR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
B. H. WOODELL.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The rule requiring reports to lay over one day was suspended for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, it was ordered that no new business shall be presented without unanimous consent.

Rep. NEWBURY, of Oregon, submitted the following, and the accompanying resolution was adopted:

I have the honor, at the request of Bro. E. E. TURK, of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., of Oregon, to present herewith to this Sovereign Grand Lodge a sample of silver ore from the Monumental Silver Mine, located in Grant county, Oregon, with the request that you accept it as a small token of his high regard for your Honorable Body, and as a sample of the silver ore of the soon to be famous Grant Silver District of Oregon, and I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

Resolved, That the sample of silver ore presented to this Sovereign Grand Lodge by Bro. E. E. TURK is hereby accepted, and the proper officer is directed to take charge of the same, and place it among the relics now the property of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8128, from the Special Committee on an appropriate Funeral Service, to be held in the Lodge room, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until next session, which was not agreed to.

The previous question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 8130, from the Committee on Finance, on the books of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8131, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Grand and Subordinate Bodies was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8132, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the correspondence in the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, on the authority of Grand Encampments to charter Uniformed Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8133, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the petition of Bro. EMANUEL AMICK, of Goshen Lodge, No. 82, Canal Dover, Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, of Lima, Peru, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8134, from the Judiciary Committee, on the question of Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, on the case of JAMES MORRIS, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the petition of Rep. EVANS, of Washington, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8135, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8141, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the question of Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, on the subject

of suspending members for non-payment of dues without a regular ballot, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the Grand Sire's Report on the subject of P. G. Sires, was read, and, on motion of Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, further consideration was postponed until the next session.

The next report, page 8142, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the petitions of seven Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8143, from the Special Committee on Rules, on the resolution of Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. HYDE, of Vermont, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, the report was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report forthwith.

Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, was excused from further attendance for the remainder of the session.

The next report, page 8166, from the Judiciary Committee, on the question presented by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, on the authority of a Lodge to expend its funds for hiring watchers, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the law of 1878, as referred to by the Grand Sire in his report, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, moved to strike out from the third line of the first resolution the word "required" and insert "allowed," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report,

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to add to the second resolution, "unless the Rebekah Degree Lodges shall otherwise provide," which was agreed to.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend the first resolution by striking out "entitled to receive it" and inserting "in possession of the degree and in good standing," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 8167, from the Committee on Finance, on the assets, as shown by the books of the Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8168, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. HOGAN, of Maine, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, was recommitted to the committee.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, that Subordinate Lodges be prohibited from conferring the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee appointed to Revise the Rules of Order, asking permission to report at next session, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8169, from the Special Committee on Endowment, as referred to in the Grand Sire's report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, in relation to money advanced by Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, and Bay City Lodge, No. 71, California, for the mission to Australia, was considered in connection with the minority report, same page.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved to amend by striking out the resolution and inserting the following:

Resolved, That the advancement made by Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, and Bay City Lodge, No. 71, reported by the Committee on Finance, (Journal, page 8169), be and the same is hereby recognized as an obligation of indebtedness of this Grand Lodge.

Which the Chair ruled out of order, as a motion to indefinitely postpone cannot be amended by a motion of the nature presented.

The question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, it was agreed to.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Rules, made the following report:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Rules, to which was recommitted the report on the resolution of Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, with reference to the consolidation of the two Committees on Appeals, submit the following as a substitute for their former report:

Resolved, That Rule 8 of the Rules of Order be stricken out, and the following inserted in place thereof:

RULE 8. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following committees, to wit: Committee on the State of the Order, Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee and Committee on Finance, each to consist of nine members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum; Committee on Correspondence, Committee on Constitutions, Committee on Petitions, Committee on Returns, Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, Committee on Foreign Relations, Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, and Committee on Miscellaneous Business, each to consist of seven members; Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to consist of five members; a Committee on Appeals, consisting of nine members, shall also be appointed two months prior to each session, and shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of considering appeals and preparing reports thereon; and no appeal shall be considered by said committee unless filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of said committee, and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the chairman of said committee.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution shall go into effect from and after this session of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, HENRY F. GAREY, C. M. BUSBEE.
SAML. F. GWINNER, J. W. STEBBINS,

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. STIRLING, of Connecticut, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, which was not agreed to.

The previous question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 8170, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of RICHARD ROWLAND, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "be" in the second line of the resolution, and inserting "dismissed."

The previous question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. WHITE, of New York?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 8171, from the Committee on Finance, on the subject of furnishing the bound Journals to Grand Representatives free of charge, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. GIBSON, of Ontario, moved to amend by striking out "adverse to" in the last line, and inserting "in favor of," which was agreed to, and the question being on the adoption of the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. FESSENDEN, of Massachusetts, that Subordinates be restricted in their appropriations for celebrating the anniversary of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8172, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, donating one hundred and fifty dollars to the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, was considered and adopted.

The amendment to the By-Laws, submitted by Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, page 8120, as follows, was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That wherever the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" occur in Articles 1, 4, 5, 8, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 29 and 30 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, they be stricken out and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah would report that they have had the memorial and resolution presented by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Grand Lodge of that State, asking for certain legislation on the Degree of Rebekah, under consideration, and would report that the subject-matter contained in the

propositions has in the greater part been considered in other reports at this session, and the committee deem it inexpedient to legislate further on the subject at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. KENNEDY, JNO. F. HAVENNER, A. L. FESSENDEN.
J. A. MILLER, GEO. S. MOORE

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report in regard to a reprint of Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the bound Journal, found on page 7980 of his report), have considered the same, and report that we find there is now on hand only one copy of Volume 1, six of Volume 3 and seven of Volume 4. It seems, therefore, necessary that there should be a reprint of the first four Volumes of the bound Journal. We therefore recommend that, in view of the action of the Grand Lodge had this day, the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have two hundred and fifty copies each of Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the bound Journal printed for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH, A. G. WALLING, A. F. CRAIG,
T. K. WILSON, C. M. BUSBEE, J. L. WEAKLEY.
JOHN N. GALE, M. P. LINDSLEY,

The report of the Appeal Committee, No. 2, page 7870, Revised Journal, 1878, on the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana, as follows, was next considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Oraer of Odd Fellows:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Montana, would respectfully report that we have considered the same and find the facts as follows:

Bro. JOHN LUKE, a member in good standing of Montana Lodge, No. 1, died and was buried. The Constitution of Subordinates, Article III., Section 5, reads:

"In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, there shall be allowed from the funds of the Lodge not less than thirty dollars ($30) to defray the expenses of burial. In the absence of competent relatives the Noble Grand shall take charge of the funeral."

The By-Laws of the Lodge read:

"On the death of a member in good standing the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) shall be allowed for funeral expenses."

The Noble Grand of the Lodge decided that there could be no benefits paid to the heirs of Bro. LUKE, on the ground that they were not dependent heirs; and that bills contracted for the funeral of Bro. LUKE could not be lawfully paid by his Lodge, because Bro. LUKE's body was not taken charge of and buried by the Lodge. On an appeal to the Lodge the Noble Grand was sustained, when an appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who sustained the Lodge. The Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Montana approved the decision of the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge adopted their report sustaining the Grand Master's decision. From this decision of the Grand Lodge, the appeal is taken by T. MOLITER, P. G., and a member of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

This Grand Lodge has decided that funeral expenses must be paid, except "when a deceased brother has been buried while in the public service at the expense of the United States."—*See Digest*, 197.

We therefore submit for your consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana, approving the decision of the Grand Master, be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON, JAMES WOODYATT, WM. S. JOHNSON,
WM. S. DAVIS, NATHAN TAYLOR, H. D. WALKER,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS, W. G. DYE, W. H. BAGLEY.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That in the trial of charges where either party or his counsel does not understand the language in which proceedings are conducted, such party or counsel cannot be denied the time necessary for the interpretation to him of the proceedings as had, by interpreters qualified to be present.

Resolved, That a member entitled to address remarks or a communication to any Body of the Order, if he be unable to speak or write the language in which such Body conducts its work, cannot be denied the right to make such address in English.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, from the Special Committee on Funeral Ceremony, (Journal of 1878, page 7879), asked and obtained leave to report at next session.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That as soon as the present supply of German Charge Books is exhausted, the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and are hereby instructed to have the new translation printed in place of the one now in use, the same having been approved and recommended as far superior by the committee appointed for the purpose of examining the same.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, page 8176, amending the report of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was adopted.

The question being on the motion to reconsider, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Belfast Lodge, No. 41, jurisdiction of Maine, was declared defunct and its Charter reclaimed by the Grand Officers: And it appearing that certain members of said Lodge have, since it became defunct, been granted final cards by the Grand Officers, and have joined other Lodges; and

WHEREAS, Said Lodge has, by vote of this Grand Lodge, been fully restored to all its rights and privileges as before its suspension; and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the validity of these cards; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby declares the said cards to be legal and valid in law, anything in the record to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rep. GRAVES, of Missouri, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them, after adjournment.

Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of deceased members of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and that Grand Representatives shall announce the deaths of Past Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee.

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, presented a bound copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, (Vol. 5, 1873–1877), which was accepted with the thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business of the Lodge was resumed.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom their report, page 8168 Journal, was recommitted, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee have reconsidered the subject and offer the following:

Resolved, That Rep. HOGAN, of Maine, have leave to withdraw the resolution, and this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER,
For the Committee.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay CHAS. B. R. COLLEDGE, P. G. Representative, for services rendered at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The committee have had under consideration the resolution of Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, referred to this committee, (page 8030, Journal), as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives from this R. W. Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows be, and they are hereby, required to procure, if possible, an interpretation or rendering of Sections 196, 197, 198, 199 and 200 of White's Digest, relating to Funeral Benefits, to the end that it may be clearly understood, that in case of the death of a brother leaving neither widow, orphan, or dependent relatives, to determine to whom a funeral benefit shall be paid."

Beg leave to report that the only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphan or dependent relatives of the deceased, and that dependent relatives are relatives who are members of the family of the deceased, and who were dependent upon the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, W. R. MYERS, J. HAM PERRY,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, W. E. HOGAN, JNO. F. VAN NORT.
HENRY C. HEDGES,

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, from the Special Committee on the Grand Sire's report, relative to "Endowment," made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee to whom was referred the appeal of E. B. SHERMAN, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, on the subject of endowment, (see report of Appeal Committee, No. 2 page 8061), respectfully report that this appeal is in effect decided by this Grand Lodge in adopting the report of your committee on page 8169, Journal, and they therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of E. B. SHERMAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in establishing an endowment system, be sustained so far as it is consistent with the action of this Grand Lodge with reference to the establishment of endowment benefit associations, adopted at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LINDSLEY, JAMES WOODYATT, CHARLES C. HOUSEL.
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the following resolutions offered by Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That in the trial of charges, where either party or his counsel does not understand the language in which proceedings are conducted, such party or counsel cannot be denied the time necessary for the interpretation to him of the proceedings as had, by interpreters qualified to be present.

"*Resolved*, That a member entitled to address remarks or a communication to any Body of the Order, if he be unable to speak or write the language in which such Body conducts its work, cannot be denied the right to make such address in English."

With instructions to report thereon at this session, have the honor to submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the resolutions reported above, be and they are hereby adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, HENRY F. GAREY, GEO. B. BOYLES.
O. G. DOUGLASS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. DUNBAUGH, of Colorado, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that members of civilized tribes of Indians residing in the Indian Territory, to wit: Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Choctaws and Seminoles, and all other civilized Indians, may be admitted into our Order.

C. P. DUNBAUGH, Colorado. AMOS HENDERSON, Illinois.
JAMES WOODYATT, Ontario.

Rep. HOLLAND, of Arkansas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article IX., of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated biennially by rotation. If vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment; *provided*, that the terms of the class whose seats will be vacated under former law, after the *annual* session of 1881, shall not expire until after the *biennial* session of 1882.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Arkansas. SAM'L F. GWINNER, Pennsylvania.
JAMES L. DAVIS, Montana.

Rep. NEWBURY, of Oregon, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XII. by adding the following:

Provided further, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. shall not accept any invitation to, or go upon, any excursion or entertainment at any time during its regular or special sessions which shall interfere with the business or consume the time of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

W. S. NEWBURY, Oregon. ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, Pennsylvania.
JOSHUA J. WALTON, Oregon. W. C. HEARN, Alabama.

The Grand Sire announced the following committees:

Special Committee or Revision of the Work.—Reps. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania; GAREY, of Maryland; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; LEECH, of Iowa;

BUSBEE, of North Carolina; BATTERMAN, of Nevada; NEWELL, of New Jersey; WHITE, of New York; HYDE, of Vermont; TRACY, of Michigan; Bros. SANDERS, STOKES and VEITCH, Past Grand Sires.

Committee on Printing Supplies.—Rep. JONES, of Maryland; Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire; Rep. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; Grand Secretary RIDGELY; Grand Treasurer VANSANT.

Sub-Committee on Finance.—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; MCCAHAN, of Maryland.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*, which was agreed to.

The Lodge being called up, the Representatives united in singing the closing Ode of the Order, and the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. J. W VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

O Eternal, immortal, invisible, and only wise God, incline Thine ear to our calling; and let the voice of our prayer and thanksgiving enter into Thy presence.

We acknowledge with gratitude all the mercies bestowed upon us throughout our lives, and especially at this time, for the fraternal intercourse we have enjoyed in taking sweet counsel together for the good of our beloved Order. May the labors of this week be productive of blessed results to our great brotherhood, and stimulate us to renewed efforts in that cause so dear to our hearts. May the time speedily draw near when the whole human family shall be encircled by the ties of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and with united voice proclaim the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We intercede, O Lord, in behalf of the widow and the fatherless, and all the sons and daughters of affliction. Have compassion upon them according to their several necessities. Bless the officers and members of this Body. Preserve us from the dangers to which we may be exposed in traveling; conduct us in safety to our homes, and fill our hearts with gratitude to Thee our Preserver and Benefactor. O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee, such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts from day to day, such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN."

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the M. W. Grand Sire, proclaimed the Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
G. C. and R. Secretary.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said Officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—*Journal*, 1870, page 4861.

NAME.	JURISDICTION.	RESIDENCE.
J. W. Smith	Connecticut	Waterbury, Connecticut.
Chas. B. R. Colledge	District of Columbia	Washington, D. C.
Jno. W. McQuiddy	Indiana	Indianapolis, Indiana.
D. B. Shideler	Indiana	Indianapolis, Indiana.
E. Gover Cox	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
Alex. K. Mantz	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
Jno. A. Thompson	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
B. F. Zimmerman	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
Alex. L. Spear	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
W. H. Clark	North Carolina	Philadelphia, Penna.
D. W. C. Langdon	New York	Brooklyn, New York.
Henry Lindenberg	Ohio	Columbus, Ohio.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

As required by the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, page 6660, Journal of 1875, the following synopsis of the proceedings of the seventh regular biennial session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, held at Dresden, Saxony, August 11th to 16th, 1879, is presented:

The officers present were Brothers J. Chr. Praetorius, M. W. Grand Sire; Albert Roth, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire; F. Meyendorf, R. W. Grand Secretary; Bernh. Fleck, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Representatives, F. Meyendorf, Alb. Lipschitz, Ludw. Brandt, of the district of Brandenburg; Konr. Setzer, D. Ant. Aberle, Jos. Ordenstein, Emil Meyer, of the district of Wurttemburg; Herm. Kessler, A. M. Paasche, Dr. Franz Schroeter, of the district of Hannover; Emil Eschler, Wilh. Hartman, of the district of Saxony.

The M. W. Grand Sire appointed a Grand Marshal, Grand Warden, and the following committees:

On Credentials; on the General Interest of the Order; on Finance; on Unfinished Business; on the Distribution of the Reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary; on Legislation and Appeals; on Visiting Brethren. Several Past Grand Masters of the district of Saxony were present, from time to time. It was decided that no district elective officer can be elected as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and that elections of district officers must take place before those of Grand Representatives.

The Standing Legislative Committee of the past term to whom was entrusted the perfecting of the German Code of Laws presented a Constitution, embodying the changes made by decisions, from time to time, by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and also several copies of "original features," (Grimm). The latter proposes an entire revision of the Digest. The Grand Lodge resolved to assign both works to the Standing Legislative Committee of the new term, and with reference to the Constitution, it was especially provided that the same should be again compared with the old and new decisions, and the committee were required to present their report within four weeks, to the Grand Sire, who, if the Code is found to embrace the requirements of the laws, is to enforce the provisions.

Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, submitted their By-Laws, providing for obligatory benefits and half-yearly terms, two measures conflicting with the fundamental law, therefore the By-Laws were not approved.

The Grand Lodge decided in the matter of an appeal of Schiller Lodge, No. 3, Stuttgart, from the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, refusing the petition of said Lodge, that the clause requiring obligatory assistance be retained, as in Wurttemburg no constitutional grounds for its abrogation exists, that the decision of the Grand Sire be sustained, but it was held that benefit provisions should remain under the control of the Lodges in so far as they could agree upon such matters.

The consolidation of Victoria Encampment with Farnsworth Encampment, Berlin, and the transfer of the funds of the former to the latter, received the approval of the Grand Lodge. It was decided that each District Grand Lodge had the right to make a final decision regarding the legality of elections taking place in Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Each District Grand Lodge was required to present to each member of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire a copy of its proceedings as soon after publication as possible.

A resolution that Lodges should be allowed out of their own funds to pay the admission fee of especially deserving brethren, to Encampments, and in this way advance the interests of the Encampment branch of the Order, was, though the motive was approved, not adopted, for the reason that the Grand Lodge will not interfere with the management of the finances of Subordinate Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Sire appointed a special committee to report at this session, concerning the alleged adoption, by District Grand Lodges, of resolutions conflicting with the fundamental law. As the entire proceedings of all the District Grand Lodges could not be obtained in time, the committee was authorized to report to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

A resolution of the Representative of Saxony for the extension of the authority of that Grand Lodge to Thueringen and Anhalt was rejected. The request of the Grand Lodge of Brandenburg for a reduction in the price of supplies, because they were furnished to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire by the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. at cost price, was refused.

With regard to the introduction of our Order into Austria-Hungary, the Grand Sire gave a detailed verbal statement, as for lack of time the publication of the correspondence with his report was omitted. The Grand Lodge resolved to entrust the completion of the matter to the new Grand Officers, on the basis of the representations just heard. It is believed that the Order cannot be established in Austria-Hungary in the manner contemplated.

The Grand Sire delivered to his successor the general authority conferred upon that officer by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary is an interesting document, from which the following is extracted:

The directions of the Grand Lodge were obeyed by notifying that all Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, would be required to present reports containing the information specified on the forms; and that all information requiring an entry on the so-called "black book," even from foreign jurisdictions, should be presented to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, to be by him transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges through the Grand Secretaries of the District Grand Lodges. The latter are required to arrange their books alphabetically, in order to be able to at once supply all needed information in reference to proposals for membership. The District Grand Secretaries must send to newly instituted Lodges a copy of the "black book" for a year preceding the institution of the Lodge.

Notwithstanding the suppression, shortly after the session of the Grand Lodge of 1876, by the Grand Secretary, of the cards issued under the name of the former Grand Secretary, and the decision of Grand Sire Elsasser, in the year 1877, which was confirmed by the Grand Lodge, that the said cards should be no longer used, it is understood that in some instances the condemned cards have been issued, although they are null. No Lodge is required to receive such cards; and Lodges to which they may be presented are authorized to retain and transmit them to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary reported that he did not succeed in his efforts to obtain a recognition of the Grand Lodge as a corporate institution, and the prospects for accomplishing the desired result are not flattering; therefore, the Grand Lodge determined to abandon further efforts on its part, with the government, for that object, but recommended the District Grand Lodges to a further prosecution of the matter.

It was decided that Past Noble Grands are only entitled to a vote at the election of District Officers, and not at election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The latter can only be elected through the District Representatives; and only the present District Representatives and Past

Grand Officers are eligible for Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

In writing upon postal cards, addressed to members of the Order, the emblems etc. cannot be used, by virtue of a decision of the Grand Sire, and the careful observance of this is recommended to brothers.

In the course of the proceedings the M. W. Grand Sire decided the following questions:

1st. Can Representatives be entrusted with an imperative demand? Yes, they have to undertake, and to report such in its proper place; they are not, however, under obligations to advocate the same if it conflicts with their own ideas. It was, however, pre-supposed that a Representative of a Body, when he dissented from its views, should make such communication, and if, notwithstanding this, he should be chosen, he would have the right of free expression of opinion and of a free vote. (*b*) Is a Grand Representative the Representative of his district or (*c*) of the whole Order of Odd Fellows? Not in the sense of legislation, and therefore (*to c*); yes. (*d*) Is a Representative to be held responsible for his vote? No. (*e*) Can a District Representative, after his entrance into the Grand Lodge to which he is elected, return his commission direct to his Lodge and cause it to have a new election? No; the Grand Lodge has to approve of his resignation and the Grand Master to order a new election.

The annual dues of District Grand Lodges, which have hitherto been obliged to pay to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire sixty marks for each Lodge Subordinate to them, were, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, reduced to fifty marks per Lodge.

In secret session, with the assistance of several Dresden Past Grands, the unwritten work was exemplified; and on this occasion attention was called by the M. W. Grand Sire to the fact, that in accordance with the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F., Brother Stokes, and for the attainment of general uniformity, the Pass Words of the Order, their explanation, and the Traveling Pass Word must be given in the language in which they were communicated, that is the English.

On account of several unpleasant incidents happening during the past term, a so-called "censorship" was proposed for the press of the Order; the motion was, however, not adopted (though the motive was approved) on account of the editorial difficulties connected therewith, and because the consideration of the reports before the Body, that were presented shortly before adjournment, occupied the remainder of the session.

The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Brother Fleck, showed the reception of 6,760 marks 82 pfennig to be added to the balance on hand 14th of August, 1877, 3,191 marks 37 pfennig, making in all 9,952 marks 19 pfennig; 5,554 marks, 44 pfennig were paid out, so that on the 3d of August the balance in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer was 4,397 marks 75 pfennig. To this are to be added the per centage of the district of Hannover, 480 marks, and of Copernicus Encampment, 2 marks 30 pfennig, which arrived after the closing of his report; this increases the balance to 4,880 marks 5 pfennig. The report of the Librarian of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Brother Spiro, stated the amount received and the volumes added to the library. Both reports were approved by the committee to which they were referred.

The following officers were elected and installed: Albert Roth, (Schiller, No. 3, Stuttgart), M. W. Grand Sire; J. C. Praetorius, (Hœlty, No. 11, Hannover), R. W. Deputy Grand Sire; F. Meyendorf, (Germania, No. 1, Berlin), R. W. Grand Secretary; Bernh. Fleck, (Humanitas, No. 4, Dresden), R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Upon the telegraphic invitation of Lessing Lodge, No. 1, Braunschweig was determined upon as the place for the next session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

The M. W. Grand Sire named Representatives Setzer, Meyer and Herman Kessler, of the standing Legislative Committee, and Past Grand Master Dr.

HASSE, as a committee to make abstracts of the most important proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. The Grand Lodge returned thanks to the Grand Officers for the faithful performance of their duties, and also to the Dresden Lodges, by a rising vote, for their friendly reception, and directed the Grand Secretary to tender, in writing, the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the numerous kind expressions received at this session from the Subordinate Lodges, and adjourned August 16th, at half-past one P. M.

The statement accompanying the report of Grand Secretary MEYENDORF shows the following:

The number of Lodges has increased six, while the number of Encampments remains the same. The membership of Lodges has diminished one, that of Encampments, six. The whole receipts of Lodges has increased about $772.56, and the whole amount of benefits paid about $277.94.

District Grand Lodges, 4; Subordinate Lodges, 48; members, January 1st, 1879, 1,967; Encampments, 5; members, 160. Total benefits paid by Lodges in 1877 and 1878, $5,536.16. Total receipts of Lodges for same time, $35,135.62. Total benefits paid by Encampments, $28.25. Total receipts of Encampments, $485.19.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IN FORCE SEPTEMBER, 1879.

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1. *Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

2. *Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M.

3. *Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree.

4. *Resolved*, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

5. *Resolved*, That at future sessions greater facilities be afforded Representatives for consulting the secret work.

6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed fifteen copies of the Daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session; and that ten copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter no vote shall be taken on any motion or resolution required to be submitted in writing, until the same has been read in full from the desk of the Grand Secretary.

8. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in submitting their Constitutions, or amendments thereof, to this Grand Body for approval, shall be required, first, to furnish the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary a complete copy of their Constitutions, with all amendments thereto, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge), attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached.

9. *Resolved*, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval shall bear the seal of the Body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the Body has one) shall be returned without consideration.

10. *Resolved*, That hereafter no appeal will be considered by this Grand Body at any session thereof, unless the papers in such an appeal shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before the Wednesday preceding the session.

11. *Resolved*, That as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Body possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character,

books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities; furthermore, be it resolved, that the foregoing resolution be considered as a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed except by a *two-third* vote of this Grand Lodge.

12. *Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter intrusted to his care; that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one should be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

13. *Resolved*, That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted.

14. *Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each Annual Session.

15. *Resolved*, That to this end it is suggested that the M. W. Grand Sire appoint the Finance Committee, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the Annual Session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom.

16. WHEREAS, Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides that any amendment to that instrument, "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such Constitution; and

WHEREAS, under the Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, No. 33, "every member is bound to vote unless excused;" therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that, in contemplation of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call of the yeas and nays" whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll call of said yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting.

17. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of deceased members of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and that Grand Representatives shall announce the deaths of Past Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee.

18. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them, after adjournment.

APPENDIX.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, 1879.

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Sire.....San Francisco, California.
LUTHER J. GLENN, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.....Atlanta, Georgia.
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary...Baltimore, Maryland.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.....Baltimore, Maryland.
THEO. A. ROSS, R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.....Versailles, Kentucky.
NATHAN TAYLOR, R. W. Grand Marshal.....Worcester, Massachusetts.
B. H. WOODELL, R. W. Grand Guardian.....Raleigh, North Carolina.
CHAS. H. GATCH, R. W. Grand Messenger.....Baltimore, Maryland.

REPRESENTATIVES.

[Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.]

ALABAMA.

G. Lodge, W. C. Hearn, P. G. Chaplain .....Huntsville.
G. Lodge, *Joseph H. Sloss*, P. G.....Huntsville.
G. Encampment, *Wm. A. Shields*, P. G. Rep.....Mobile.

ARKANSAS.

G. Lodge, Thomas R. Welch, P. G. M.....Little Rock.
G. Lodge, *Jno. G. Holland*, P. G. M.....Searcy.
G. Encampment, William S. Davis, P. G. P.....Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

G. Lodge.....

CALIFORNIA.

G. Lodge, Frank G. Beatty, P. G, Rep,.....Grass Valley.
G. Lodge, *T. K. Wilson*, P. G.....San Francisco.
G. Encampment, H. S. Winn, P. G. P.....San Francisco.
G. Encampment, *Charles H. Randall*, P. G. M.....Sonora.

CHILE.

G. Lodge.....

COLORADO.

G. Lodge, R. G. Buckingham, P. G. Rep.....Denver.
G. Lodge, *C. P. Dunbaugh*, P. G. M.....Greenhorn.
G. Encampment, *Clarence P. Elder*, P. G. Rep.....Denver.

CONNECTICUT.

G. Lodge, Wm. Wallace Lee, P. G. M.....West Meriden.
G. Lodge, *Thomas Stirling*, P. G. M.....Bridgeport.
G. Encampment, William N. Andrew, P. G. P.....Norwich,
G. Encampment, *Charles W. Smith*, P. G. P.....Bridgeport.

DAKOTA.

G. Lodge, Ezra W. Miller, P. G. M.....Elk Point.

DELAWARE.

G. Lodge, Edward H. Spencer, P. G. P.....Wilmington.
G. Lodge, *John T. Jakes*, P. C. P.....Wyoming.
G. Encampment, *David Downs*, P. G. P.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

G. Lodge, John F. Havenner, P. G. Rep.....Washington.
G. Lodge, *William R. McLean*, P. G. M.....Washington.
G. Encampment, *John T. Given*, P. G. P.....Washington.

FLORIDA.

G. Lodge, Charles C. Pearce, P. G. Rep.....Tallahassee.

GEORGIA.

G. Lodge, D. B. Woodruff, P. G.....Macon.
G. Lodge, *Adolph Brandt*, P. G. M.....Augusta.
G. Encampment, *Charles A. Robbe*, P. G. Rep.....Augusta.

ILLINOIS.

G. Lodge, Amos Henderson, P. G. M.....Jacksonville.
G. Lodge, *John Lake*, P. G. M.....Rockford.
G. Encampment, W. L. Sweeney, P. G. P.....Rock Island.
G. Encampment, *C. W. Heaton*, P. G. P.....Farmington.

INDIANA.

G. Lodge, Leonidas Sexton, P. G. M.....Rushville.
G. Lodge, *W. R. Myers*, P. G. M.....Anderson.
G. Encampment, John Morgan, P. G. P.....Huntington.
G. Encampment, *D. Ferguson*, P. G. P.....Union City.

IOWA.

G. Lodge, Bernard Newman, P. G. M.....Council Bluffs.
G. Lodge, *Erie J. Leech*, P. G. M.....Keokuk.
G. Encampment, H. D. Walker, P. G. M.....Mt. Pleasant.
G. Encampment, *Herman Block*, P. G. M.....Davenport.

KANSAS.

G. Lodge, John Charlton, P. G. M.....Lawrence.
G. Lodge, *John M. Price*, P. G. M.....Atchison.
G. Encampment, *S. H. Kelsey*, P. G. P.....Atchison.

KENTUCKY.

G. Lodge, William W. Morris, P. G. M.....Louisville.
G. Lodge, *John C. Underwood*, P. G. M.....Bowling Green.
G. Encampment, George S. Moore, P. G. P.....Louisville.
G. Encampment, *Tal. P. Shaffner*, P. G. P.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

G. Lodge, Silas T. Grisamore, P. G. M.....Thibodaux.
G. Lodge, *William Seymour*, P. G. M.....New Orleans.
G. Encampment, *J. E. Rengstorff*, P. G. Rep.....New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES B. N. A.

G. Lodge, Frank Graham, P. G.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
G. Lodge, *Henry A. Taylor*, P. G. M.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MAINE.

G. Lodge, William E. Hogan, P. G. M.....Bath.
G. Lodge, *William H. Smith*, P. G. Rep.....Portland.
G. Encampment, O. G. Douglass, P. G. P.....Lewiston.
G. Encampment, *Augustine D. Smith*, P. G. P.....Portland.

MARYLAND.

G. Lodge, John M. Jones, P. G. Rep.....Baltimore.
G. Lodge, *Charles H. Rawlings*, P. G. Rep.....Baltimore.
G. Encampment, John E. McCahan, P. G. M.....Baltimore.
G. Encampment, *Henry F. Garey*, P. G. M.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

G. Lodge, John U. Perkins, P. G. M.....Chelsea.
G. Lodge, *Albert L. Fessenden*, P. G. M.....Townsend.
G. Encampment, Enos. H. Tucker, P. G. M.....Needham.
G. Encampment, *Nathaniel A. Very*, P. G. P.....Salem.

MICHIGAN.

G. Lodge, D. Burnham Tracy, P. G. M.....Detroit.
G. Lodge, *Edward H. Thomson*, P. G. M.....Flint.
G. Encampment, George H. Shearer, P. G. P.....Bay City.
G. Encampment, *Norman Bailey*, P. G. P.....Hastings.

MINNESOTA.

G. Lodge, Walter G. Dye, P. G. Rep.....Winona.
G. Lodge, *D. A. Morrison*, P. G. M.....Rochester.
G. Encampment, *William Cheney*, P. G.....Minneapolis.

MISSISSIPPI.

G. Lodge, A. B. Wagner, P. G. M.....Meridian.
G. Lodge, *John H. McKenzie*, P. G. M.....Summit.
G. Encampment, *Charles Lehman*, P. G. P.....Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.

G. Lodge, E. R. Shipley, P. G. M.....Springfield.
G. Lodge, *William H. Graves*, P. G. M.....Monticello.
G. Encampment, L. T. Minturn, P. G. P.....Amazonia.
G. Encampment, *T. T. Parson*, P. G. P.....St. Louis.

MONTANA.

G. Lodge, *James L. Davis*, P. G. Rep.....Helena.

NEBRASKA.

G. Lodge, C. C. Housel, P. G.....Omaha.
G. Lodge, *Thomas J. Staley*, P. G. M.....Omaha.
G. Encampment, *J. C. Ford*, P. G. P.....Lincoln.

NEVADA.

G. Lodge, J. L. Greeley, P. G.....Aurora.
G. Lodge, *C. C. Batterman*, P. G. M.....Virginia City.
G. Encampment, *A. D. Meacham*, P. G. Rep.....Cornucopia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

G. Lodge, Alonzo F. Craig, P. G. M.....Portsmouth.
G. Lodge, *Henry A. Farrington*, P. G. M.....Manchester.
G. Encampment, John R. Miller, P. G. P.....Peterborough.
G. Encampment, *John H. Locke*, P. G. P.....Portsmouth.

NEW JERSEY.

G. Lodge, Christian Miller, P. G. M.....Newark.
G. Lodge, *William A. Newell*, P. G. Rep.....Allentown.
G. Encampment, Aaron B. Crane, P. G. Rep.....Newark.
G. Encampment, *William N. Nutt*, P. G. Rep.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

G. Lodge, John F. Van Nort, P. G. M.....Newburgh.
G. Lodge, *John W. Stebbins*, P. G. M.....Rochester.
G. Encampment, John H. White, P. G. M.....Albion.
G. Encampment, *George Haskins*, P. G. P.....New York City.

NORTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, Richard J. Jones, P. G. M.....Wilmington.
G. Lodge, *William H. Bagley*, P. G. M.....Raleigh.
G. Encampment, Charles M. Busbee, P. G. P.....Raleigh.

OHIO.

G. Lodge, Henry C. Hedges, P. G. M. .....Mansfield.
G. Lodge, *James A. Armstrong*, P. G. Rep.....Cincinnati.
G. Encampment, William R. Hazlett, P. G. P.....Zanesville.
G. Encampment, *William B. Kennedy*, P. G. P.....Cincinnati.

ONTARIO.

G. Lodge, James Woodyatt, P. G. M.....Brantford.
G. Lodge, *Cl. T. Campbell*, P. G. M.....London.
G. Encampment, John Ham Perry, P. G. P.....Whitby.
G. Encampment, *John Gibson*, P. G. P.....Stratford.

OREGON.

G. Lodge, Joshua J. Walton, P. G.....Eugene City.
G. Lodge, *W. S. Newbury*, P. G. W.....Portland.
G. Encampment, *A. G. Walling*, P. G. Rep.....Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.

G. Lodge, Samuel F. Gwinner, P. G. M.....Taylorsville.
G. Lodge, *Isaac A. Sheppard*, P. G. M.....Philadelphia.
G. Encampment, James B. Nicholson, P. G. Sire.....Philadelphia.
G. Encampment, *M. Richards Muckle*, P. G. P.....Philadelphia.

QUEBEC.

G. Lodge, John Hampden Field, P. G.....Montreal.

RHODE ISLAND.

G. Lodge, Lindsay Anderson, P. G M.....Providence.
G. Lodge, *Gilbert F. Robbins*, P. G. M.....Providence.
G. Encampment, William S. Johnson, P. G. P.....Providence.
G. Encampment, *Allen Jenckes*, P. G. P.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, *Silas Johnstone*, P. G. P.....Newberry.
G. Encampment.....

SWITZERLAND.

G. Lodge.....

TENNESSEE.

G. Lodge, Joseph L. Weakley, P. G. M.....Nashville.
G. Lodge, *George B. Boyles*, P. G. M.....Fayetteville.
G. Encampment, *Robert Thompson*, P. G. P.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

G. Lodge, I. C. Stafford, P. G. M.....Houston.
G. Lodge, *M. D. Herring*, P. G. M.....Waco.
G. Encampment, R. A. Blandford, P. G. P.....Austin.
G. Encampment, *J. A. Haynie*, P. G. P.....Waco.

UTAH.

G. Lodge, E. M. Wilson, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

G. Lodge, John N. Gale, P. G. M.....St. Johnsbury.
G. Lodge, *George H. Bigelow*, P. G. Rep.....Burlington.
G. Encampment, *Nelson C. Hyde*, P. G. M.....Poultney.

VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, Alfred R. Courtney, P. G. M.....Richmond.
G. Lodge, *James B. Blanks*, P. G. M.....Norfolk.
G. Encampment, *Jacob H. Robinson*, P. G. P.....Lynchburg.

WASHINGTON.

G. Lodge, *W. W. Evans*, P. G.....Olympia.

WEST VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, J. A. Miller, P. G. M.....Wheeling.
G. Lodge, *George L. Hensel*, P. G. M.....Martinsburg.
G. Encampment, Thomas S. Spates, P. G. P.....Clarksburg.

WISCONSIN.

G. Lodge, Myron P. Lindsley, P. G. M.....Green Bay.
G. Lodge, *John G. Clark*, P. G. M.. .....Lancaster.
G. Encampment, Theodore B. Elliott, P. G. P.....Milwaukee.
G. Encampment, *George E. Weatherby*, P. G. P.....Shullsburg.

WYOMING.

G. Lodge, H. Altman, P. G. Secretary.....Cheyenne.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

a Thomas Wildey, 1825–1833.....Baltimore, Maryland.
b James Gettys, 1833–1835.....Georgetown, District of Columbia.
c George Keyser, 1835–1837.....Baltimore, Maryland.
d Samuel H. Perkins, 1837–1840.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
e Zenas B. Glazier, 1840–1841.....Wilmington, Delaware.
f John A. Kennedy, 1841–1843.....New York City, New York.
g Howell Hopkins, 1843–1845.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Thomas Sherlock, 1845–1847.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
h Horn R. Kneass, 1847–1849.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
i Robert H. Griffin, 1849–1851.....Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore, 1851–1853.....Washington, District of Columbia.
Wilmot G. De Saussure, 1853–1855.....Charleston, South Carolina.
j William Ellison, 1855–1857.....Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race, 1857–1858.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
Samuel Craighead, 1858–1860.....Dayton, Ohio.
k Robert B. Boylston, 1860–1862.....Winnsborough, South Carolina.
James B. Nicholson, 1862–1864.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch, 1864–1866.....St. Louis, Missouri.
James P. Sanders, 1866–1868.....Yonkers, New York.
Edward D. Farnsworth, 1868–1870.....San Francisco, California.
l Frederick D. Stuart, 1870–1872.....Washington, District of Columbia.
Cornelius A. Logan, 1872–1874.....Chicago, Illinois.
Milton J. Durham, 1874–1876.....Danville, Kentucky.
John W. Stokes, 1876–1878.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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a Died October 19th, 1861.
b Died August 15th, 1844.
c Died September 19th, 1837.
d Died May 22d, 1874.
e Died November 11th, 1858.
f Died June 20th, 1873.
g Died June 5th, 1858.
h Died December 12th, 1861.
i Died December 14th, 1855.
j Died August 23d, 1877.
k Died September 5th, 1865.
l Died January 25th, 1878.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John Welch, 1825–1829.....Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn, 1829–1833.....Maryland.
Robert Neilson, 1833–1835.....Maryland.
John Pearce, 1835–1837.....Pennsylvania.
Frederick Leise, 1837–1840.....New York.
William W. Moore, 1840–1841.....District of Columbia.
Horn R. Kneass, 1841–1843.....Pennsylvania.
William S. Stewart, 1843–1845.....Missouri.
Albert Case, 1845–1847.....South Carolina.
Newell A. Thompson, 1847–1849.....Massachusetts.
Asher B. Kellogg, 1849–1851.....Michigan.
Herman L. Page, 1851–1853.....Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester, 1853–1855.....Rhode Island.
George W. Race, 1855–1857.....Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter, 1857–1858.....New Hampshire.
Edward H. Fitzhugh, 1858–1860.....Virginia.
Milton Herndon, 1860–1862.....Indiana.
William H. Young, 1862–1864.....Maryland.
James P. Sanders, 1864–1866.....New York.
Edward D. Farnsworth, 1866–1868.....Tennessee.
Frederick D. Stuart, 1868–1870.....District of Columbia.
Cornelius A. Logan, 1870–1872.....Kansas.
Milton J. Durham, 1872–1874.....Kentucky.
John W. Stokes, 1874–1876.....Pennsylvania.
John B. Harmon, 1876–1878.....California.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Arizona.—CLARK CHURCHILL, P. G.....Prescott, Arizona.
British Columbia.—J. S. DRUMMOND, P. G. M.....Victoria, British Col.
Chile, S'th America.—GEORGE S. BROWN, P. G. M. { Casilla 252, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
Dakota.—RALPH R. BRIGGS, P. G.....Sioux Falls, Dakota.
Florida.—L. M. MERRITT, P. G.....Pensacola, Florida.
Idaho.—SAMUEL BECK, P. G.....Boise City, Idaho.
Indian Territory.—JOHN RENNIE, P. G.....Tishomingo, Indian Territory.
Low. Provinces, B. N. A.—ANDRE CUSHING, P. G....Saint John, New Brunswick.
Manitoba.—GEORGE ANDREW, P. G.....Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Montana.—JAMES L. DAVIS, P. G. Rep.....Helena, Montana.
Netherlands.—F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire.....Elberfeld, Prussia.
New Mexico.—JOHN RITTER, P. G.....Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Peru, South America.—WILLIAM LONG, P. G... { Calle de Zepita, No. 42, Chorrillos, Peru, S. A.
Quebec.—JOHN C. BECKET, P. G. M.....Montreal, Canada.
Sandwich Islands.—W. C. PARKE, P. G.....Honolulu, S. I.
Switzerland, Europe.—HERMANN VOGEL, P. G. Sec { Enge, near Zurich, Switzerland.
Utah.—F. AUERBACH, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City, Utah.
Washington.—H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M.....Olympia, Washington Ter.
Wyoming.—JOHN A. FISCHER, P. G.....Laramie City, Wyoming.

LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as far as the same have been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Talladega, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

Richard E. Jones, M. W. Grand Master.....Mobile.
William A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Mobile.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Talladega, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

H. C. Weaver, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Huntsville.
Lee R. McKee, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Selma.

ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Little Rock, Tuesday, October 12th, 1880.

S. W. Mallory, M. W. Grand Master.....Camden.
Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Little Rock, Tuesday, October 12th 1880.

John G. Holland, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Searcy.
Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Little Rock.

AUSTRALASIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Melbourne, February, 1880.

William Stirling, M. W. Grand Sire.....Winchelsea.
J. H. B. Curtis, R. W. Grand Sec'y, 7 Collins St. East...Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria will meet at Melbourne, Tuesday, February 17th, 1880.

William Judge, M. W. Grand Master, 7 Collins St. East...Melbourne.
J. H. B. Curtis, R. W. Grand Sec'y, 7 Collins St, East....Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand will meet at———, August, 1880.

——— ———, M. W. Grand Master.
Wm. Reid, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Dunedin.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Australia will meet at Adelaide, —, 1880.

A. Lean, M. W. Grand Master.....Adelaide.
D. R. Bradbury, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Adelaide.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Victoria, will meet at Melbourne, Wednesday, February 18th, 1880.

W. E. Darton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Melbourne.
E. A. Collis, R. W. Grand Scribe, 7 Collins St. East.....Melbourne.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Victoria, Monday, February 9th, 1880.

Charles Gowen, M. W. Grand Master.....Victoria.
James D. Robinson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Victoria.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at San Francisco, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

George A. Case, M. W. Grand Master.....San Francisco.
W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 2207....San Francisco.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at San Francisco, Tuesday, October 19th, 1880.

Lee Ellsworth, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Petaluma.
W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 2207.....San Francisco.

CHILE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Valparaiso, Monday, July 26th, 1880.

John C. Wallace, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 355...Valparaiso.
Robert Moser, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 355.....Valparaiso.

COLORADO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Denver, Tuesday, October 19th, 1880.

A. E. Gipson, M. W. Grand Master.....Greeley.
John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Silver Plume.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Denver, Monday, October 18th, 1880.

R. J. Van Valkenburg, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Erie.
John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Silver Plume.

CONNECTICUT

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Middletown, Wednesday, May 19th, 1880.

George N. Moses, M. W. Grand Master.....New Haven.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary, Drawer No. 5.....New Haven.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Waterbury, Tuesday, October 19th, 1880.

Joel L. Hungerford, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New Haven.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe, Drawer No. 5.....New Haven.

DAKOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Sioux Falls, Wednesday, October 13th, 1880.

Zina Richey, M. W. Grand Master.....Yankton.
Ralph R. Briggs, R. W. Grand Secretary..... .....Sioux Falls.

DELAWARE

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wilmington, Wednesday, October 13th, 1880.

J. Clayton Massey, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.
Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wilmington, Tuesday, October 12th, 1880.

Henry R. Bennett, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Dover.
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe, 712 Market St.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Washington, Wednesday, July 21st, 1880.

A. H. Gawler, M. W. Grand Master, 1006 Mass. Ave.....Washington.
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 251...Washington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Washington, Semi-Annual Session, Tuesday, January 20th; Annual Session, Tuesday, July 20th, 1880.

John Long, M. W. Grand Patriarch, Interior Department.....Washington.
George E. Emmons, R. W. Grand Scribe, 802 A. St., S. E., Washington.

FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Jacksonville, Tuesday, April 13th, 1880.

Leroy D. Ball, M. W. Grand Master.....Tallahassee.
Joseph Y. Porter, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Key West.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Macon, Wednesday, August 11th, 1880.

John B, Goodwin, M. W. Grand Master.....Atlanta.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Macon.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Macon, Tuesday, August 10th, 1880.

Chas. E. Wakefield, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Savannah.
John G. Deitz, R. W..Grand Scribe.....Macon.

GERMANY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire meets biennially. The next session will be held at Braunschweig, on Monday, August 10th, 1881.

Albert Roth, M. W. Grand Sire, 11 Schelling St.....Stuttgart.
F. Meyendorf, R. W. Grand Secretary..... { 12 Admiral Strasse, Berlin, Prussia.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg will meet at Berlin, Sunday, July 11th, 1880.

Dr. Ferd. Ascherson, M. W. Grand Master.....Berlin.
Paul Juhre, R. W. Grand Secretary..... { S. W. 128 Old Jacob Str., Berlin.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Hannover will meet at Hildesheim, Monday, July 12th, 1880.

Dr. Degener, M. W. Grand Master..... { Alten-Allee 16, Hannover Linden.
A. M. Paasche, R. W. Grand Secretary..... { Escherstrasse, Hannover.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Wurttemburg, will meet at Stuttgart, Sunday, July 4th, 1880.

Franz X. Bauer, M. W. Grand Master.....Stuttgart.
J. A. Schutzmartin, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Constanz.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Saxony will meet at Dresden, Sunday, July 11th, 1880.

Carl Gustav Louis Lesser, M. W. Grand Master.....Dresden.
Otto Rohrig, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Dresden.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Galesburg, Tuesday, November 18th, 1879.

Alfred Orendorff, M. W. Grand Master.....Springfield.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Galesburg, Tuesday, November 18th, 1879.

W. H. Crocker, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Evanston.
J. C. Smith, R. W. Grand Scribe, 250 W. Van Buren St..Chicago.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Indianapolis, Annual Session, Wednesday, November 19th, 1879; Semi-Anuual Session, Wednesday, May 19th, 1880.

Enoch Cox, M. W. Grand Master.....Delphi, Carroll county.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Indianapolis, Annual Session, Tuesday, May 18th, 1880.

John F. Wallick, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Indianapolis.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Des Moines, Wednesday, October 20th, 1880.

W. E. Harriman, M. W. Grand Master.....Dubuque.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Des Moines, Tuesday, October 19th, 1880.

B. F. Snyder, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brighton.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, October 12th, 1880.

W. H. Pilkerton, M. W. Grand Master.....Belleville.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Atchison, Tuesday March 9th, 1880.

N. Sinnet, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Girard.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Paducah, Tuesday, October 26th, 1880.

James M. Hines, M. W. Grand Master.....Bowling Green.
William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Paducah, Wednesday, October 27th, 1880.

R. F. Harrison, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Carrollton.
William White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New Orleans, Tuesday, January 27th, 1880.

A. W. Hyatt, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 508.....New Orleans.
Jas. Furneaux, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 383.....New Orleans.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Orleans, Wednesday, February 4th, 1880.

Alfred Shaw, M. W. Grand Patriarch, P. O. Box 1,998...New Orleans.
Jas. Furneaux, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 383.....New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Summerside, P. E. Island, Wednesday, August 11th, 1880.

Harris Van Blarcom, M. W. Grand Master.....Annapolis, N. Scotia.
J. C. P. Frazee, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 125.....Halifax, N. Scotia.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Portland, Tuesday, August 10th, 1880.

Gorham N. Weymouth, M. W. Grand Master.....Biddeford.
Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Portland.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Portland, Wednesday, August 11th, 1880.

Charles H. French, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portland.
N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Baltimore, Monday, April 19th, 1880.

J. Woodfin Minifie, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Baltimore, Monday, October 18th, 1880.

George W. Maynard, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Boston, Semi-Annual Session, Thursday, February 5th, Annual Session, Thursday, August 5th, 1880.

William W. Gardner, M. W. Grand Master.....Springfield.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Boston, Wednesday, August 4th, 1880.

John J. Whipple, M. W. Grand Patriarch.. .....Brockton.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Lansing, Tuesday, February 17th, 1880.

James M. Servoss, M. W. Grand Master.....Bay City.
E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Lansing.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Ann Arbor, Wednesday, February 11th, 1880.

Charles H. Palmer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Jackson.
E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lansing.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Mankato, Tuesday, June 1st, 1880.

R. Schiffmann, M. W. Grand Master .....Saint Paul.
Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Paul.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Stillwater, Tuesday, June 1st, 1880.

Joseph Bergfeld, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Saint Paul.
J. Fletcher Williams, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Saint Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Jackson, Tuesday, July 20th, 1880.

Joseph Hirsh, M. W. Grand Master.....Vicksburg.
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Secretary..... .....Vicksburg.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Jackson, Tuesday, July 20th, 1880.

Isaac D. Blumenthal, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Holly Springs.
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at St. Louis, Tuesday, May 18th, 1880.

James A. Gregory, M. W. Grand Master.....Saint Louis.
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Louis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at St. Louis, Tuesday, November 16th, 1880.

J. C. Hermes, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Neosho.
C. C. Archer, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 2455.....Saint Louis.

MONTANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Butte City, Wednesday, April 28th, 1880.

James L. Davis, M. W. Grand Master.....Helena.
Jacob Loeb, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Helena.

NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Lincoln, Wednesday, October 20th, 1880.

Charles O. Speice, M. W. Grand Master.....Columbus.
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Lincoln.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Lincoln, Wednesday, October 20th, 1880.

Leopold Levi, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Nebraska City.
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lincoln.

NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Virginia, Tuesday, June 8th, 1880.

J. C. Smith, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 138.....Virginia.
Wm. H. Hill, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Virginia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Virginia, Monday, June 7th, 1880.

Joseph V. Peers, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Reno.
Wm. H. Hill, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Virginia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Littleton, Wednesday, October, 13th, 1880.

John H. Albin, M. W. Grand Master.....Henniker.
Joseph Kidder, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Littleton, Tuesday, October 12th, 1880.

George D. Lamos, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Dover.
Joseph Kidder, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Trenton, Wednesday, November 19th, 1879.

Wallace Lippincott, M. W. Grand Master.....Bridgeboro.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Trenton.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Trenton, Tuesday, November 18th, 1879.

E. G. Ford, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Paterson.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Watertown, Tuesday, August 17th, 1880.

Peter H. Jobes, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 838.....New York.
Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 838...New York.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New York, Tuesday, February 24th, 1880.

George E. Craft, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Peekskill.
Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 838.....New York.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Fayetteville, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

Leroy G. Bagley, M. W. Grand Master.....Raleigh.
J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Raleigh.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Fayetteville, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

E. Hubbs, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New Berne.
Richard J. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Chillicothe, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

Elgin K. Wilcox, M. W. Grand Master.....Cleveland.
William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Dayton, Tuesday, May 4th, 1880.

Wm. R. Hart, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mt. Vernon.
James Anderton, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Dayton.

ONTARIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Guelph, Wednesday, August 11th, 1880.

Fife Fowler, M. W. Grand Master.....Kingston.
J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Drawer 24.....Brantford.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Guelph, Tuesday, August 10th, 1880.

Robert Evans, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Hamilton.
M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London.

OREGON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Portland, Tuesday, May 18th, 1880.

John Kenworthy, M. W. Grand Master.....East Portland.
J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Oregon City.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Portland, Monday, May 17th, 1880.

E. H. Stolte, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portland.
J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Oregon City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet in Annual Session at Reading, Tuesday, May 18th; Semi-Annual Session at Philadelphia, Tuesday, November 16th, 1880.

John A. Myler, M. W. Grand Master.....Allegheny City.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Secretary, 146 N. 6th St. Philadelphia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet in Annual Session, at Reading, Monday, May 17th; Semi-Annual Session at Philadelphia, Monday, November 15th, 1880.

Wm. A. Ruddach, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Norristown.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Scribe, 146 N. 6th St.....Philadelphia.

QUEBEC.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Montreal, Monday, February 16th, 1880.

Wales L. Lee, M. W. Grand Master. P. O. Box 1043.....Montreal.
W. A. Kelloud, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 1194, Montreal.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet in Annual Session at Providence, Tuesday, February 3d, 1880; Semi-Annual Session, Tuesday, August 3d, 1880.

William D. Child, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Providence.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Providence, Wednesday, March 3d, 1880.

Sidney Dean, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Providence.
Lindsay Anderson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Columbia, Wednesday, January 21st, 1880.

N. W. Trump, M. W. Grand Master.....Columbia.
H. N. Emlyn, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Columbia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at ———, Tuesday, January 20th, 1880.

Silas Johnstone, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Newberry.
N. B. Mazyck, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Newberry.

SWITZERLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Luzern, Saturday, April 24th, 1880.

G. Mader, M. W. Grand Master.....Berne.
Adolph Jenni, Grand Secretary..... { Spitalgasse, No. 153, Berne.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Nashville, Wednesday, October 20th, 1880.

R. Dudley Frayser, M. W. Grand Master.....Memphis.
J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Nashville, Monday, October 18th, 1880.

Marcus Jones, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Memphis.
J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Dallas, Monday, February 2d, 1880.

W. K. Makemson, M. W. Grand Master.....Georgetown.
Geo. W. Grover, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Dallas, Monday, February 2d, 1880.

John T. Walton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Waco.
L. F. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Houston.

UTAH.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Ogden, Tuesday, April 20th, 1880.

Edward H. Murphy, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 765..Salt Lake City.
Allan T. Riley, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 415...Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Brattleborough, Wednesday, February 4th, 1880.

J. A. Parker, M. W. Grand Master.....Rutland.
H. L. Stillson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Bennington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Brattleborough, Tuesday, February 3d, 1880.

S. G. Putnam, M W. Grand Patriarch.....Rutland.
Henry Clark. R. W. Grand Scribe.....Rutland.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Richmond, Tuesday, April 13th, 1880.

Robert P. Button, M. W. Grand Master.....Lynchburg.
T. Wiley Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 50...Richmond.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Richmond, Thursday, April 15th, 1880.

John T. Knight, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Fredericksburg.
Hugh Latham, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Alexandria

WASHINGTON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Seattle, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880.

John M. Swan, M. W. Grand Master..... Olympia.
T. N. Ford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Olympia.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wheeling, Tuesday, October 26th, 1880.

J. T. Hoke, M. W. Grand Master.....Keyser.
S. F. Faris, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wheeling.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wheeling, Thursday, October 28th, 1880.

John C. Vance, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Clarksburgh.
H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Madison, Tuesday, June 1, 1880.

Thomas H. Brown, M. W. Grand Master, 182 Third St...Milwaukee.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Madison, Monday, May 31st, 1880.

T. W. Haight, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Waukesha.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.

WYOMING.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Rock Springs, Friday, October 22d, 1880.

Mark Jennings, M. W. Grand Master.....Laramie City.
Louis Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Laramie City.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1878, AND REFERRED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER SESSION OF 1880, JOURNAL OF 1879, PAGES 8101, 8106.

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "biennially," so that the article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.—(Page 7729.)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock A M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.—(Page 7779.)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "biennially," so that the article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.—(Page 7779.)

Amend Article IX., Section 1, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX., SECTION 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment —(Page 7779.)

Amend Article XIII., Section 4, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII., SECTION 4. A Journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.—(Page 7779.)

Amend Article XIV., Sections 2 and 3, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIV., SECTION 2 Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent on their receipts. —(Page 7779)

Amend Article XXI., so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal and lie over until the next regular session, when it may be considered; and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.—(Page 7779)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at any special meeting, except that specified in the call of the Grand Sire.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any city located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold such session in the month of September, then it shall have the power to determine the time when such session shall be held.

And provided further, That if by reason of any pestilence prevailing, at or in the vicinity of the place designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire shall deem it expedient to change either the time or place of such meeting, the Grand Sire shall have the power to call the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at such time and place, not later than the first Monday of January next after the third Monday of September, as he shall deem expedient.—(Page 7837.)

Amend Article IX., Section 2, to read as follows:

Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction ten thousand members, or less in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives; *provided*, that this amendment shall in no way interfere with the term of office of Representatives elected before the adoption hereof.—(Page 7889.)

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1879.

Strike out Article X.

Change the numbers of Article XI. to X., and all succeeding Articles XII. to XXI., inclusive, to XI. to XX., inclusive.—(Page 8030.)

Amend Section 5, Article I., of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 5. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto; and to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a four-fifths' vote of the members of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of this Grand Lodge. —(Page 8114.)

Amend Article VII., Section 1, of the Constitution, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII., SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys and all the evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, etc., of the Grand Lodge, and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated communications in September, biennially, a full and correct statement of his accounts. Before his installation he shall give a bond, with at least two sureties, to the Grand Lodge, in such sum as may from time to time be fixed; and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall determine.—(Page 8114.)

Amend Article XV., Section 2, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV., SECTION 2. The nomination and election of officers shall take place on the second day of each communication. The nominations for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election for the same; and before the nominations and election for the next office.—(Page 8114.)

Amend Article XXI., so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different jurisdictions, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular communication. At the next regular communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a three-fourths' vote of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution.—(Page 8114.)

Amend Article XXI. of the Constitution by striking out the present provision and inserting as follows:

ARTICLE XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular annual communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal and lie over until the next annual communication. At the next regular annual communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution; *provided, nevertheless*, that at the session at which said vote shall be had, any amendment may be made to the original proposition without previous notice, which will not materially change the substance of the originally proposed amendment.—(Page 8114.)

Amend Article II. as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the article will read:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.—(Page 8122.)

Amend Article III., Sections 1 and 2, as follows: Strike out "Most Worthy," "Right Worthy," "Corresponding and Recording," so that the sections will read:

ARTICLE III., SECTION 1. The officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot by a majority of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September, and shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and, if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.—(Page 8122.)

Amend Article IV., Section 3, as follows: Strike out the letters "M. W." and "R. W.," so that the section will read:

ARTICLE IV., SECTION 3. In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the Grand Sire and the Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office; and, at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; *provided, however*, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office. —(Page 8122)

Amend Article VI. as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the article will read:

ARTICLE VI. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the Journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine.—(Page 8123.)

Amend Article IX., Section 2, so as to read:

ARTICLE IX., SECTION 2. Each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to one Grand Representative only.—(Page 8123.)

Strike out Article X.—(Page 8123.)

Amend Article XIV. so as to read:

ARTICLE XIV. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised as follows, viz:

1. By fees for Charters of Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

2. By dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand

Encampments, at such rate on each member of the Order in each jurisdiction as this Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine.

3. By such dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as it shall fix.

4. By proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes and other publications of the Grand Lodge.—(Page 8123.)

Amend Article XVI., Section 2, so as to read:

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 2. No person shall be admitted into the Order except free white males of good moral character and twenty-one years of age, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australasia, including New Zealand and Tasmania, and in other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age and color shall be left to the local legislation of such Grand Lodges;

Provided further, that in the Sandwich Islands, natives thereof, or persons of mixed blood, may be admitted into the Order in the discretion of the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments there;

Provided further, that members of civilized tribes of Indians, residing on the Continent of North America, who are otherwise qualified, may be admitted into the Order.—(Page 8123.)

Amend Article XVIII., so as to read:

ARTICLE XVIII. With the previous consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any sovereign jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship recognized by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expenses of such special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the treasury of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge, who may be duly accredited from the same as a special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberate voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings thereof.—(Page 8124.)

Change the numbers of Article XI. to X., and succeeding Articles XII. to XXI., inclusive, to XI. to XX., inclusive.—(Page 8124.)

That Article X. be stricken entire from the Constitution.—(Page 8142.)

That Articles XI., XII., XIII., XIV., XV., XVI. XVII. XVIII., XIX., XX. and XXI., be respectively numbered Articles X. to XX. consecutively.—(Page 8142.)

Amend Article II. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge by adding after the word Messenger "Past Grand Sires," so that the article will read:

This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, Past Grand Sires, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.—(Page 8167.)

Amend Article X., Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word motions, "and serving on committees," so that the article will read, as amended:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions and serving on committees, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.—(Page 8167.)

Amend Section 5, of Article I., by adding at the end thereof the word "present," so that the section shall read as follows:

SECTION. 5. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge present.—(Page 8172.)

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that members of civilized tribes of Indians residing in the Indian Territory, to wit: Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Choctaws and Seminoles, and all other civilized Indians, may be admitted into our Order.—(Page 8190.)

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article IX., of the Constitution be amended, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated biennially by rotation. If vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment; *provided*, that the terms of the class whose seats will be vacated under former law, after the *annual* session of 1881, shall not expire until after the *biennial* session of 1882.—(Page 8190.)

Amend Article XII., by adding the following:

Provided further, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., shall not accept any invitation to, or go upon, any excursion or entertainment at any time during its regular or special sessions which shall interfere with the business or consume the time of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—(Page 8190.)

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On the Certificate of William H. Smith, appointed as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Maine, *vice* John Read, resigned.

Report by Rep. Stafford, of Texas, chairman.....8033
Adopted.....8033

No. 5. *Credentials.*

On the certificate of James B. Nicholson, appointed as Representative from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, *vice* C. N. Hickok, resigned.

Report by Rep. Stafford, of Texas, chairman.....8070
Adopted.....8070

No. 6 *Legislative Committee of* 1878.

The Committee report on the subject of members suspended for non-payment of dues, as referred to them, and submit a series of resolutions, providing that suspension for non-payment of dues shall be from *active* to dormant membership; giving a member so suspended the right to visit his Lodge or Encampment; providing for his restoration to active membership, etc.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....8034
Considered, and first resolution adopted and further consideration of the remaining resolutions postponed.....8056
Considered again, amended and adopted.....8099, 8100
Second resolution reconsidered and amended.....8121, 8122

As finally adopted, the resolutions appear as follows:

Resolved, 1. That hereafter, suspensions from membership for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be from *active* to *dormant* membership.

2. That a member who shall be in arrears for more than one year's dues may be, by formal action of the Lodge, declared to be a Dormant Odd Fellow, and as such be debarred from benefits (both pecuniary and attentive), but his name shall be retained on a list for such class; *provided*, that before any member can be dropped from active to dormant membership, notice of such contemplated action shall be given him.

3. That a Dormant Odd Fellow may be restored to active membership upon application made in open Lodge or Encampment by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary or Scribe reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively, on a ballot, by a majority of the votes cast, and upon the payment of such amount as the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment may prescribe.

4. That all members heretofore dropped or suspended for the non-payment of dues are hereby reinstated to a Dormant membership in the Order, from which they will be subjected and privileged to the conditions hereinbefore stated.

5. That a Dormant member of either Lodge or Encampment, shall in no way be subject to a per capita tax to be paid by Lodges or Encampments for any purpose whatsoever.

6. That a Dormant Odd Fellow shall be subject to trial, suspension, or expulsion from the Order for cause, under the law, the same as an Active Odd Fellow.

7. That all law inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions be and the same is hereby repealed.

8. That these resolutions shall take effect from and after their adoption.

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No. 7. *On the memorial of A. B. Grosh.*

The committee report the investigation of the subject, and find "that a grievous wrong has been done Bro. Grosh, and that common justice demands that his vindication should be, as far as possible, as extensive as his condemnation." Concerning the request of Bro. Grosh that he be permitted to restore to the Manual the forms formerly published by him, the committee think it inexpedient, as matter of that character ought to be the sole and exclusive property of the Grand Lodge, but "should the composition of the 'Form Book' or any of its parts, in anywise infringe the copyright of Bro. Grosh, an equitable and just compensation should be agreed upon."

Report by Rep. Havenner, of District of Columbia, chairman.....8036
Adopted.....8056

No. 8. *On distributing the subjects of the reports of the Grand Sire.*

Report by Rep. Van Nort, of New York, chairman.....8038
Adopted.....8052

No. 9. *On distributing the subjects of the report of the Grand Secretary.*

Report by Rep. Van Nort, of New York, chairman.....8056
Adopted.....8056

No. 10. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

The committee report, reviewing the action of the Grand Lodge, permitting Grand Encampments to limit the membership in those Bodies to Past Chief Patriarchs, and submit resolutions as follows:

1. That Patriarchs who are or may become members of a Grand Encampment of one State or jurisdiction, shall be qualified for membership in a Grand Encampment of any other State or jurisdiction.

2. That all acts or decisions of this Grand Lodge dissenting from or antagonistic to the above resolution, are hereby annulled.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8041
Adopted.....8096

No. 11. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

The committee submit a report exhibiting and comparing the increase and decrease of the Lodge and Encampment branches of the Order, from 1819 to 1877, and are "of opinion that some form of fellowship, that will keep within the Order those whose misfortunes deprive them of the benefits of the institution, ought to be adopted."

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8044
Considered and laid on the table.....8097

No. 12. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

The committee report on the subject of a change in the Encampment Ritual, referring to the several revisions, since 1827, and conclude that if a change is desired "there should be no attempt at revision of one branch unless all the Degrees be subjected to a like effort, so as to accomplish the perfection of the whole as a system," and submit a series of resolutions on the subject, as follows:

1. That a revision is desirable, and if properly done, will be promotive of good, regardless of expense. 2. That a proper revision will act as an incentive to thousands to take all the Degrees, who heretofore have been disinclined to seek for advancement, and will bring back into active fellowship thousands who have drifted out of the Order. 3. That a committee of thirteen members be appointed by the Grand Sire to prepare the revisions. 4. That the committee be authorized to meet at such times and places as it shall determine, and providing for compensation of

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the members. 5. That the committee present a printed report at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1880.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8048
Adopted.....8097

No. 13. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

The committee submit resolutions: 1. "That Grand Lodges be directed to require Secretaries of Lodges to keep a register of their members who are Patriarchs of Encampments, and report to said Encampments whenever a member of the same is suspended" 2. "That Grand Encampments be directed to require the Scribes of Encampments to notify each Lodge whose member becomes a Patriarch on admission to the said Encampment."

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8049
Adopted.....8097

No. 14. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

On the resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, asking for a separate Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs. The committee conclude that "the adoption of such a Degree would be impracticable."

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8088
Adopted.....8176

No. 15. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

The committee report on the resolution of Rep. Very, of Massachusetts, "that battalions of Uniformed Patriarchs are hereby permitted to wear fringe on their baldrics or not, as each battalion may prefer, the intention being that uniformity of dress shall be observed," and that "the 'white glove' properly belongs to the Subordinate Lodge regalia, and is not so appropriate for the Patriarch."

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8088
Adopted.....8176

No. 16. *On Encampment Regalia.*

The committee recommend a regalia to be worn in Encampments, detailing the requirements for each Degree, and authorizing the regulation collar to be worn if preferred. Also referring to the report on page 7731, Journal of 1878.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8050
Considered, and indefinitely postponed.....8098

No. 17. *On "Endowment Benefit."*

The committee report that they consider the plan submitted at the last session, notwithstanding the ability displayed and the equitable arrangement proposed in the report, impracticable. They, however, "believe such movement to be in the right direction," and submit a resolution authorizing "the members of the Order in good standing, in any, or several, or all the Subordinate Grand jurisdictions, to form themselves into one or more Auxiliary Benefit Associations. The machinery for working the associations may be through the Grand Lodges of the respective jurisdictions and the officers of Subordinate Lodges, but no action of said Subordinate Grand Bodies and Lodges under their jurisdiction shall in any way bind the moneys or funds of either Grand or Subordinate Lodges. * * The only obligation the several Lodges shall be under is to secure, without incurring pecuniary liability on the part of said Lodges, from their respective officers, the faithful discharge of such duties as the said Endowment Benefit Associations may impose upon them," etc.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....8065
Adopted.....8126

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No. 18. *On the German Translation of the Ritual.*

The committee report the examination of the translation received from the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and while approving the work as far superior to the edition in use, on account of the revision of the work of the Order being contemplated, they recommend that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the Special Committee on Revision is ready to report.

Report by Rep. Miller, of New Jersey, chairman.....8066
Adopted.....8126

No. 19. *On a Burial Service for a Daughter of Rebekah.*

The committee report that, in view of the importance of the matter, the shortness of time in which they were compelled to act, owing to the sickness of two of the members, and the fact that only two members are present at this session, they feel compelled to ask that the committee be granted time until the next session in which to report.

Report by Rep. Lindsley, of Wisconsin, chairman.....8077
Adopted.....8174

No. 20. *On the Establishment of a Home for Invalid Odd Fellows.*

The committee submit an interesting report on the matter committed to them, earnestly asking the Sovereign Grand Lodge "to endorse the plan and approve the project of locating a home for invalid Odd Fellows in the city of Jacksonville, Florida." They also present a series of resolutions on the subject

Report by Rep. Grisamore, of Louisiana, chairman.....8093
Adopted.....8177

No. 21. *On the History of Odd Fellowship.*

The committee recite the action of the Grand Lodge in authorizing the publication of the book, designating it as "one of transcendent success, a lasting monument to those two eminent brethren who have produced it," and suggesting that "every Lodge and every Encampment of the Order should have two or more copies of it as a work of educational reference for their officers. Every member that has a desire to know something of the rise and progress of the institution ought to have a copy, as the information it contains will be calculated to inspire them with renewed admiration for the cause of Odd Fellowship." They also suggest that Representatives embrace in their reports to their jurisdictions the propriety of recommending each Lodge and Encampment to purchase one or more copies, and append a resolution authorizing the Grand Treasurer to subscribe for — copies, to be subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8095
Considered and resolution indefinitely postponed.....8177

No. 22. *On a Funeral Service to be held in the Lodge room.*

The committee submit a ceremony as appropriate for the Lodge room, house or church.

Report by Rep. Hearn, of Alabama, chairman.....8128
Adopted.....8180

No. 23. *On the Constitution of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Peru.*

The committee recommend a number of alterations, and submit a resolution that as corrected the Constitution and By-Laws be approved.

Report by Rep. Miller, of New Jersey, chairman.....8133
Adopted.....8181

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No. 24. *On Dues and Benefits.*

The committee present a report, embracing tables of statistics from Ontario, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maine. They dissent from the opinion of the Grand Sire, "that the time has come to legislate upon this subject, and fix definitely the ratio of dues and benefits," saying that "to continue to agitate the question and accumulate data, seems to your committee the proper course to be pursued for the present by this Grand Lodge." They submit a resolution "that the committee be continued."

Report by Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, chairman.....8135
Adopted.....8181

No. 25. *On the portion of the Grand Sire's report on the subject of Past Grand Sires.*

The committee concur in the opinion expressed by the Grand Sire, and submit amendments to remove Article X. from the Constitution, and change the numbers of Articles XI. to XXI. inclusive.

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman.....8141
Considered and postponed until the next session.....8182

No. 26. *On revising the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge.*

The committee submit an amendment to Rule 8, providing for one Committee on Appeals, to meet on Wednesday preceding the session.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....8143
Considered and recommitted.....8182

No. 27. *On revising the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge.*

The committee state their inability to make a full report at this session, and ask to be continued with power to report upon the subject at the next Annual Communication.

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....8168
Adopted.....8183

No. 28. *On revising the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge.*

The committee submit an amended Rule 8, in place of the one reported in No. 26.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....8184
Adopted.....8184

No. 29. *On the portion of the Grand Sire's report on the subject of deaths during the recess.*

The committee present the names of all P. G. Representatives of whose deaths they have been advised, accompanied with appropriate references to the brethren and their jurisdictions, and submit a resolution that the report be entered upon the Journal, and suitable mourning tablets be printed on a mourning page of the Revised Journal.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman.....8143
Adopted.....8143

No. 30. *On the portion of the Grand Sire's report on the subject of Endowment.*

The committee report "that the action of the Grand Lodge at the present session has disposed of the question," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Lindsley, of Wisconsin, chairman.....8169
Adopted.....8183

No. 31. *On the portion of the Grand Sire's report on the subject of Endowment.*

On the appeal of E. B. Sherman, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the committee report that the appeal is in effect

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decided by this Grand Lodge in adopting report No. 30, and they submit the following:
Resolved, That the appeal of E. B. Sherman, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in establishing an endowment system, be sustained so far as it is consistent with the action of this Grand Lodge with reference to the establishment of endowment benefit associations, adopted at this session.
Report by Rep. Lindsley, of Wisconsin, chairman.....8189
Adopted.....8189
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APPEAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.
No. 1. Columbia Lodge, No. 10, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, requiring the said Columbia Lodge to visit and pay Bro. Grant weekly benefits.
It appears that the brother on the 13th of December, 1877, declined to receive the officers of the Lodge officially, and no visits were made to him for a considerable length of time, until the new Noble Grand called upon him and was treated discourteously. For this act the Lodge demanded an apology, and received a communication which it declined to accept. No further visits were made to the brother and no report as to his condition was received by the Lodge.
The committee held that "the Lodge should have directed the officers to visit the brother in accordance with the law, and in case of his refusal to receive them in a proper manner, steps should have been taken to have him in contempt before the Lodge, and, if guilty, should have punished him therefor. The Lodge having thought best to quietly evade the enforcement of this, one of the most important laws of our Order, viz: visiting the sick, have fallen into a grave error," Appeal dismissed.
Report by Rep. Spates, of West Virginia.....8063
Adopted.....8099
No. 2. Herman Stiefel, from the action of, the Grand Lodge of New York, in the case of Meyer Elsas, who was tried and expelled by Hermitage Lodge, No. 165.
Bro. Elsas appealed to the District Grand Committee, No. 8, and the action of Hermitage Lodge was reversed The Lodge refused to obey the order of the committee to reinstate Meyer Elsas, and charges for insubordination were thereupon preferred against the Lodge. The committee to whom the charges were referred reported to the Grand Lodge recommending "that the Grand Master severely reprimand the Lodge for its disobedience, and that the action of the District Grand Committee be reversed," and the Grand Lodge of New York adopted the report.
Held "that the Grand Lodge of New York proceeded in accordance with its laws and had full power to reverse the decision of its District Grand Committee." Appeal dismissed.
Report by Rep. Perkins, of Massachusetts.....8073
Considered in connection with minority report (No. 3) and majority report adopted.....8173
No. 3. Minority report on appeal of Herman Stiefel, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.
Held "that whilst the said Grand Lodge was considering the matter of contempt of Hermitage Lodge, they passed upon a matter not properly or legally before them in considering the action of the Grand Committee and reversing the decision thereof; that such action was contrary to law and precedent and subversive of the

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rights of members of the Order, who are entitled, in all cases, to a hearing if they so desire, of which due notice thereof must be given."

Report by Rep. Miller, of Dakota.....8074

Considered in connection with majority report (No. 2) and majority report adopted.....8173

No. 4. Tremont Lodge, No. 15, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in refusing to approve certain By-Laws adopted by Tremont Lodge.

Held that "the refusal was an exercise of discretion in a matter in which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had full and complete jurisdiction." Appeal dismissed.

Report by Rep. Lee, of Connecticut.....8075

Adopted.....8173

No. 5. W. R. Spooner, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in approving the By-Laws of certain Subordinate Lodges.

The committee express "the opinion that the supervision and approval of the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, belong, and should be left to the State Grand Lodges, and that supervision should not be interfered with by this Grand Lodge, unless the proposed By-Law is in direct conflict with the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge." Finding nothing in the By-Laws referred to that conflicts with the laws of this Grand Lodge they dismiss the appeal.

Report by Rep. Elliott, of Wisconsin.....8082

Adopted.....8175

No. 6. John Davies, Representative of Oriental Lodge, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

B. J. Remich was charged and tried by Oriental Lodge, and the question considered was whether the number of votes required by the law of the Lodge (two-thirds) had been cast for expulsion. The Warden reported 121 members present and entitled to vote; the ballot showed 79 votes for expulsion and 39 against. The N. G. decided that brothers present and not voting should be counted, from which decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Appeal Committee of that Body, "basing their conclusion upon the theory that only 118 members entitled to vote were present when the ballot was taken, reported in favor of sustaining the appeal and of the expulsion of B. J. Remich. That report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

The committee "find that the evidence clearly establishes the fact that at the time the ballot was taken in Oriental Lodge, No. 10, there were present and entitled to vote 120 members. * * Hence the number voting for expulsion (79) being less than the required two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, the member was not legally expelled." Appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....8082

Adopted.....8175

No. 7. Granite Lodge, No. 14, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Charges were preferred against Edward S. Frost, and he was tried by Granite Lodge and expelled. "He appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maine upon the ground, among others, that the Trial Committee were nominated from the floor, in violation of the By-Laws of the Lodge requiring such committee to be appointed by the Noble Grand. For this reason the Grand Lodge of Maine

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sustained the appeal, and directed Granite Lodge to give Bro. Frost a new trial."
The evidence as to whether the appeal was taken within the time prescribed by law (the Lodge claimed that it was not) being conflicting, the benefit of the doubt is given to the brother. Appeal dismissed.
Report by Rep. Bagley, of North Carolina.....8083
Adopted.....8175
No. 8. Winfield S. Tompkins, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.
The committee state "that the facts have not been settled by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, as required by the laws of this Grand Lodge," and submit a resolution "that the appeal be referred back to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, with instructions to settle all questions of facts therein, and certify the same over its seal and the signature of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary to this Grand Lodge."
Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin.....8092
Adopted.....8177
No. 9. Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine.
"Elias Banks (in behalf of his son Edward P. Banks, Jr.,) demanded benefits only from December 6th, 1878, and no claim for benefits prior to that time was made." The Grand Lodge of Maine decided that Edward P. Banks, Jr. was entitled to benefits from December 4th, 1874, and from this decision Ligonia Lodge appealed.
Held "that the Grand Lodge of Maine erred in allowing benefits from December 4th, 1874, instead of from December 6th, 1878, as applied for, which it appears were the only benefits considered and denied by Ligonia Lodge." Appeal sustained "to the extent of the allowance of benefits from December 6th, 1878, but the committee express no opinion as to whether Bro. Banks has any claim for benefits prior to December 6th, 1878."
Report by Rep. Miller, of Dakota.....8110
Adopted.....8178
No. 10. Hermann Thal and Conrad Vetter, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the case, as the papers do not show that the consent of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to appeal was obtained; and the facts of the case are not certified by the Grand Lodge as the law requires.
Report by Rep. Courtney, of Virginia.....8111
Adopted.....8178
No. 11. Richard Rowland from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.
This case went to the Grand Lodge of New York from the action of Principle Lodge, No. 48, in expelling Hans Anderson. Five grounds setting forth three objections to the action of the Lodge, are stated as follows: "1. That the evidence before the Trial Committee, and which was examined by the District Grand Committee, did not sustain the charges. 2. That the Trial Committee erred in receiving the testimony of events prior and subsequent to the dates charged in the specifications. 3. That the Trial Committee erred in receiving the testimony of two of their own Body, and still allowing them to sit on the committee." The

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Grand Lodge of New York decided that under their laws they were confined "exclusively to matters of law, irregularities or unfairness in the proceedings of the Grand Committee," and therefore it was not their province to "pass upon the question of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the evidence to sustain the charge." That the second point "involves a mere rule of order or of parliamentary law, and it was the province of the Committee to make their own rule." On the third point that the witnesses being "sworn and examined without objection, it is now too late to raise it for the first time."

Held that "the positions of the Committee of Appeals of New York upon the *first* and *third* grounds of appeal, are clearly contrary to the laws and usages of the Order, and the decisions of this Grand Lodge, and without expressing any opinion as to the report of the committee upon the *second* ground, that being unnecessary," a resolution is submitted "that the appeal be sustained, and that the case be recommitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, with directions to rehear the case in accordance with the opinions expressed in this report."

Report by Rep. Courtney, of Virginia.....8170
Adopted.....8185

APPEAL COMMITTEE, No. 2.

No. 1. Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 190, from the action of the Grand Lodge, of Ohio.

Spencer Lodge, No. 347, made a claim on Mount Carmel Lodge for fifty-two dollars, amount expended for watchers for twenty-six nights with a sick brother of Lodge No. 190. The demand was refused, and on appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ohio that Body required Mount Carmel "to reinburse Spencer Lodge in the amount claimed."

The committee say "the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of Ohio makes provision for a draft upon the members for watchers for transient brothers, and affixes a penalty for neglect or refusal to watch when so drawn," and they hold that "in the absence of any special authority from Mount Carmel Lodge to incur any expense for the care of its sick members, it was plainly the duty of Spencer Lodge to provide watchers by a draft on its members, as provided by the Constitution: and when they hired watchers it was without authority." Appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island 8054
Adopted.....8098

No. 2. G. M. Fought, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

The question decided by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was that certain members of Parkersburg Lodge, No. 7, who were also members of the Knights of Pythias, had the right "to vote upon the question of allowing that Order, to whom they rented their hall, to put the name of the Knights' Lodge on the globe on their nights of meeting," and from this action the appeal was taken.

Held that under the law of 1873, (Digest, 1919b) the refusal of Parkersburg Lodge to allow such members to vote was correct. Appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8054
Adopted.....8098

No. 3. George H. Platner, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Illinois.

Bro. Platner was Scribe of Rockford Encampment, No. 44, for six terms, until June 30th, 1874, "and during that time credited

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himself with his dues in payment of services. From July 1st, 1874, until January 1st, 1877, his dues were regularly paid, and he took receipts therefor. It was afterwards claimed that Bro. Platner had no right to credit himself with dues for services, and a demand was made for the same. These he refused to pay, and he was suspended for such non-payment." The Grand Encampment sustained the Subordinate.
The committee held that "Bro. Platner had no right to credit himself with his dues without authority of his Encampment, and though the Auditing Committee passed his accounts and reported them correct, there is no evidence that their attention was called to the particular matter in question." Appeal dismissed.
Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8055
Adopted.....8098
No. 4. E. B. Sherman, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
The committee ask that the case be referred to the Special Committee on Endowment.
Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8061
Adopted.....8061
No. 5 Johnson I. Robins, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
This appeal was presented in 1878, and on account of informality was "recommitted to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin with instructions to ascertain all the facts in the case, and return the same printed and properly certified for consideration" at the present session. The committee say the case "turns upon the point as to whether the consent of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was obtained to appeal," the Journal of that Body, for 1877, showing that permission to appeal was granted, while the Grand Master and Grand Secretary certify that the Journal is incorrect, and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, at its session in 1878, corrected the Journal in that particular. A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed.
Report by Rep. Staley, of Nebraska.....8064
Considered, page 8124, and amended by adding: "Without prejudice to his right to apply to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for permission to appeal," and as amended adopted.....8125
No. 6. J G. Schaar, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
"The Lodges in Chicago, by a vote of 23 to 16 formed a Relief Association. The minority of said Lodges refused to pay the assessments laid upon them, and the Grand Lodge directed them to pay the same." From this action the appeal is taken.
Held that under the laws of the Order, "all relief save weekly and funeral benefits must be considered as charity, and be voluntary," and "Subordinates should be their own judges as to their ability to pay money for such purposes." Appeal sustained.
Report by Rep. W. H. Smith, of Maine.....8076
Adopted.....8174
No. 7. John Colson, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in sustaining Magnolia Lodge, No. 80, in expelling him.
Three charges were preferred against Bro. Colson, on which he was found guilty and expelled.
The committee say these charges "grew out of, and were based upon, certain pecuniary obligations due from Bro. Colson, and upon promises made by him," and they say they "cannot too strongly condemn the practice on the part of some Lodges in holding members of the Order amenable to its penalties for a

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failure to comply with promises to pay pecuniary obligations. * * * An attempt to collect debts, or to enforce any kind of pecuniary obligation, through the instrumentality of our code of trials, is subversive of justice, and against the spirit and teachings of our Order; unless, however, the obligation was incurred through some false pretense, or the transaction involves some act of personal dishonesty, subjecting the offender to a prosecution and conviction under the laws of the land." Appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. Price, of Kansas.....8076
Adopted.....8174

No. 8. Olive Branch Lodge, No. 89, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

John M. Cooper was tried by Olive Branch Lodge, and the committee reported to the Lodge that the charge was not sustained for want of evidence. The report was re-committed to the committee for further hearing and they reported "the charge sustained on the first two specifications and not fully sustained on the third," and the brother was expelled. The Grand Master set aside the action of the Lodge for informality, and informed them they had "the right to begin the prosecution anew." The Lodge appointed another committee to try the case, and they reported the charge sustained in all of its specifications, and the Lodge again expelled the brother. The Grand Lodge of Indiana reversed the action of Olive Branch Lodge, and directed that J. M. Cooper be reinstated. The Lodge applied for a re-hearing of the case, which was granted at the next session, and the committee presented three separate minority reports, but there is no evidence that either report was adopted.

The committee say that "it is contended on the part of the Grand Lodge that Olive Branch Lodge tried the brother three times, whereas no one can be legally tried but once for the same offence," and "as on the first trial, the committee reported the charge not sustained, the accused could not be tried again."

The committee held that under the laws of Indiana a second trial is allowable, and the Grand Lodge having failed to reverse the action of the Grand Master, under their laws his decision was final, "therefore the action of the Lodge was legal and proper." Appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. Johnson of Rhode Island.....8084
Adopted.....8175

No. 9. H. H. Blanchard, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The committee say: "The papers are informal; they are submitted in manuscript, are not certified to by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and do not show that the appellant has been granted leave to appeal." Appeal dismissed without prejudice.

Report by Rep. Stirling, of Connecticut.....8086
Adopted.....8175

No. 10. B. S. Merriam, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The question involves the construction of an Article in the Constitution of Davenport Lodge, No. 7, which provides that a member "shall in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to receive such benefits as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Lodge," and a Section of the By-Laws "provides for the proper care of its old and indigent members who are not sick and are not entitled to such benefits." A member of said Lodge "being infirm

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from extreme old age (he is over eighty years old, though not in ill health), to whom the Lodge was willing to pay, as a donation, the sum allowed by its By-Laws per week for its aged and indigent members, claimed, as of right and not as a charity, that he was entitled to regular benefits under the Constitution of said Lodge." Upon his appeal in 1876, the Grand Lodge of Iowa directed Davenport Lodge to pay the benefits claimed, but subsequently, being satisfied that the brother's case came under the Section of the By-Laws referred to, reversed its former decision, thereby sustaining Davenport Lodge, and from this action the appeal is taken.

The committee held "that when the Constitution directs a provision to be made by the By-Laws, the latter must be the guide in carrying out such provision." Appeal dismissed.

Report by Rep. Johnstone, of South Carolina.....8086
Adopted.....8175

No. 11. Samuel Black, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Three applicants for membership in an Encampment were balloted for; one was elected and two rejected. It was then discovered that four Patriarchs not entitled to vote had voted, and new ballots were taken, (all voting being in good standing), when the candidate previously elected was rejected, and the two previously rejected were elected. "The Grand Patriarch decided that the first ballots were void and the last legal." The Grand Encampment decided that the first ballot was void as to the two persons rejected, and valid as to the one elected.

Appeal dismissed in this case, and decision of Grand Encampment approved.

The Grand Encampment also reversed the decision of the Grand Patriarch that "a withdrawal card issued at a meeting when there are eight Patriarchs present, four of whom are in good standing, and four over thirteen weeks in arrears," is not valid, and "should be returned to the Encampment issuing it, and the Patriarch would still hold his membership in said Encampment."

Held that seven members are required to constitute a quorum, and they should be qualified members. Decision of Grand Encampment on this point reversed, and appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8107
Adopted.....8178

No. 12. N. G. Shelley, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in deciding that the Grand Master of Texas has a right to appoint a Special Deputy.

The committee held that the Grand Lodge of Texas was competent to decide the question, and it is not the policy of this Grand Lodge to interfere in such cases. Appeal dismissed.

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island.....8108
Adopted.....8178

No. 13. F. A. Marble, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in declaring James Anderton elected Grand Scribe.

The committee say: "The question is one of fact, as to which candidate received the highest number of votes for the office. The Grand Encampment caused the votes to be counted, and declared James Anderton duly elected, * * a question that the Grand Encampment was fully competent to determine." Appeal dismissed.

Report by Rep. Stirling, of Connecticut.....8109
Adopted.....8178

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No. 14. John T. Harcourt, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Grand Master decided that "the Grand Lodge is the law making power. The Grand Master has no authority to *ordain* or *enact* laws. In the intervals between the communications of the Grand Lodge, he may, in doubtful cases, declare the laws and usages of the Order." The Grand Lodge of Texas approved the decision, with the following modification: "The Grand Master has authority, in the intervals between the communications of the Grand Lodge, in doubtful cases, to declare the laws and usages of the Order, and to ordain and make rules of procedure in all cases where the same may be necessary, and where there is no law, usage or rule of action prescribed; and his ruling and decisions in all such cases are binding as law, until reversed by the Grand Lodge."

The committee say: "A Grand Master is not the law making power. He cannot ordain, enact, or make laws or rules of procedure. His functions are ministerial and judicial, not legislative. He is the creature of the law and not the creator of it, and possesses only the powers conferred upon him by the law. The decision of the Grand Master was therefore correct, and should not have been modified." Appeal sustained.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8110
Adopted.....8178

APPEAL COMMITTEE, No. 2, of Session of 1878.

T. Moliter, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Bro. John Luke, a member of Montana Lodge, No. 1, died. By the Constitution of Subordinates, a sum not less than thirty dollars is allowed to defray the expenses of burial of a brother. The By-Laws of the Lodge allowed seventy-five dollars for funeral expenses. The N. G. decided "there could be no benefits paid to the heirs of Bro. Luke, on the ground that they were not dependent heirs; and that bills contracted for the funeral of Bro. Luke could not be lawfully paid by his Lodge, because Bro. Luke's body was not taken charge of and buried by the Lodge." The Grand Master sustained this decision, and it was approved by the Grand Lodge, and from this action the appeal is taken.

The committee say: "This Grand Lodge has decided that funeral expenses must be paid, except 'when a deceased brother has been buried while in the public service at the expense of the United States.'" And they submit a resolution, that the appeal be sustained and the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana be reversed.

Report by Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, chairman, Journal of 1878, p. 7870
Considered and postponed to the next session.....Journal of 1878, p. 7885
Considered and adopted.....Journal of 1879, p. 8186

CONSTITUTIONS.

No. 1. On the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Virginia and Wisconsin; the Grand Encampments of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin; the amended Constitution and By-Laws of Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, of Helena, and the Constitution of Golden Star Encampment, No. 2, Deer Lodge, Montana. Approved.

Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8053
Adopted.....8098

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No. 2. On the Constitution of Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Lima, Peru. The committee state that they have been unable to examine the same, from the fact that it is written in German, and offer a resolution referring it to a special committee.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8071
Adopted.....8071

No. 3. On the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Minnesota, Quebec and Washington. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8090
Adopted.....8176

No. 4. On the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Disapproved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8091
Adopted.....8177

No. 5. On the amendments to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Delaware, West Virginia and Colorado; the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee. Approved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8091
Adopted.....8177

No. 6. On the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon. Approved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8091
Adopted.....8177

No. 7. On sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
On the unanimous request of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, the committee submit a resolution deferring action on the proposed amendments until next session.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....8141
Adopted.....8181

CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 1. The committee report having examined the general correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. They find nothing therein requiring special mention except such matters as have been referred to other committees, and report their approval of the able and courteous manner in which the correspondence has been conducted.
Report by Rep. Shields, of Alabama, chairman.....8132
Adopted.....8181

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

No. 1. On the resolution authorizing Subordinate Lodges "to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon all persons that are qualified by the laws of the Order to receive the Degree."
The committee say they are "of the opinion that the resolution should not be adopted."
Report by Rep. Fessenden, of Massachusetts.....8089
Considered and amended by adopting the resolution quoted by the committee, "that Subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby, authorized to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon all persons that are qualified by the laws of the Order to receive said Degree, and that all laws inconsistent with this resolution be, and are hereby repealed."....8176

No. 2. On the resolution requesting the committee to more fully define "the position of a sister holding membership in a Rebekah Degree

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Lodge who shall marry a person who is not a member of the Order."

The committee say "that the existing law permits a sister of the Degree of Rebekah to retain her membership, irrespective of the standing of her husband in the Order, and the membership of a sister of the Degree of Rebekah who may marry a person not a member of the Order, should not depend upon or be governed by the relation which such person may hold in the Order."

Report by Rep. Fessenden, of Massachusetts.....8089
Adopted.....8176

No. 3. On the resolution requesting the committee to consider "the propriety of admitting to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge the widow of an Odd Fellow who, at his decease, was a dropped or suspended member; also, the widowed mother of an Odd Fellow who has attained the Scarlet Degree."

The committee "deem it inexpedient to legislate for the admission of the class of persons indicated."

Report by Rep. Lake, of Illinois.....8094
Adopted.....8177

No. 4. On the petitions from seven Rebekah Degree Lodges of Massachusetts, requesting the repeal of some of the legislation of 1878.

The committee express "the opinion that the petitions are informally before them; they should have been presented through the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Winn, of California.....8142
Adopted.....8182

No. 5. On the legislation of session of 1878, as referred to by the Grand Sire.

The committee say "they are aware of the misunderstanding which has existed, and for the purpose of fully setting forth the intentions of the committee," submit resolutions: 1. Requiring Grand Masters "to make a semi-Annual Pass Word for the Degree of Rebekah, which shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room. This semi-Annual Word shall only be used in the jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it." 2. "That the A. P. W. shall be given both in Subordinate Lodges and in Rebekah Degree Lodges, and used as a further proof test of membership in the Degree, as well as to enable all members having the Degree to visit Subordinate Lodges when open for the purpose of conferring the Degree; it shall also be used in conjunction with a card issued by a Rebekah Degree Lodge, in jurisdictions other than the one to which the visitor belongs." 3. "That Rebekah Degree Lodges shall confer the Degree on those persons only who may apply for membership in such Lodges." 4. Repealing all legislation inconsistent with the foregoing, and providing "that nothing herein shall prevent the Grand Officers from visiting Rebekah Degree Lodges in their official capacity."

Report by Rep. Havenner, of the District of Columbia, chairman...8166
Considered and amended by adding to the second resolution "unless the Rebekah Degree Lodges shall otherwise provide," and as amended adopted.....8182, 8183

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No. 6. On the resolution to prohibit Subordinate Lodges from conferring the Degree of Rebekah upon any of their members.
The committee say they "do not feel disposed to interfere with the vested rights of Subordinate Lodges," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Moore, of Kentucky....8168
Adopted....8183

No. 7. On the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio "asking for certain legislation on the Degree of Rebekah."
The committee state that the matter "has in the greater part been considered in other reports at this session, and they deem it inexpedient to legislate further on the subject at the present time."
Report by Rep. Kennedy, of Ohio....8185
Adopted....8185

FINANCE.

No. 1. On the resolution that a set of the Journals and Digest be donated to D. O. Adkison, P. G. Representative.
The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.
Report by Rep. Batterman, of Nevada....8076
Adopted....8174

No. 2. On the resolution that the Revised Charge Book be translated and printed in the French language.
The committee report a resolution directing the Committee on Printing Supplies to have the work done, and appropriating one hundred dollars to defray the expense of one hundred copies of the Revised Charge Book in the French language.
Report by Bro. Durham, P. G. Sire....8107
Adopted....8178

No. 3. On the resolution "in regard to mileage and per diem."
The committee submit resolutions that the mileage be eight cents per mile, one way, and five dollars per day for six days' attendance, and those coming fifteen hundred miles or more from Baltimore, be allowed twenty per cent. additional to the eight cents per mile.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman....8121
Adopted....8121

No. 4. On the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, the available assets of the Grand Lodge, the Wildey Monument Fund, the Surplus Relief Fund, the amount from North Star Lodge, No. 2, Manitoba; also the report of the Grand Secretary on the receipts and disbursements by him for yellow fever sufferers, which the committee find to be correct. They submit a resolution transferring the $108 received from North Star Lodge, No. 2, to the general fund of the Grand Lodge.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman....8130
Adopted....8181

No. 5. On the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Washington, (page 8051, Journal), asking "this Body to refund the full amount advanced as the ten per cent. of the gross receipts of Lodges Nos. 8 to 14, inclusive, from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 26th of November, 1878, as Grand Lodge dues."
The committee "report that they have examined the same, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."
Report by Rep. Walton, of Oregon....8134
Adopted....8181

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No. 6. On the estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year.

The committee submit a detailed statement with a recommendation that "the Grand Secretary, in the publication of the Revised Journal, condense the abstract of reports taken from the various jurisdictions, as much as possible."

Also, a resolution appropriating the amount required by their estimates, and providing "that the Grand Secretary shall only draw his warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer only pay the respective sums specified as appropriated for the several items designated," and a further resolution authorizing the Grand Treasurer to dispose of such bonds of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary to pay warrants drawn on him.

Report by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania....8157

Considered in connection with minority report No 7.

No. 7. Report of minority of the committee who "agree to the whole of the foregoing report, except the increase of the salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary," and "report adversely to said increase"

Report by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania....8158

Considered in connection with majority report, (No. 6) and minority report adopted....8158

No. 8. On the total assets of the Grand Lodge as exhibited by the books.

The committee congratulate the Grand Lodge that the assets exceed, by $1,086.96, the amount reported the previous year.

Report by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania....8167

Adopted....8183

No. 9. On the amount advanced by Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, and Bay City Lodge, No. 71, of California, "to assist in defraying the mission to Australia."

The committee "refer the matter back to this Grand Body for its consideration without recommendation."

Report by Rep. McCahan, of Maryland....8169

Considered in connection with minority report (No. 10), and indefinitely postponed....8183, 8184

No. 10. Minority report on the claim of Yerba Buena and Bay City Lodges.

The committee "recommend that the same should be rejected."

Report by Bro. Durham, P. G. Sire....8169

Considered in connection with majority report (No. 9), and indefinitely postponed....8183, 8184

No. 11. On the resolution "that all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them), be furnished with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States free of charge (except express charges), and with one copy of 'White's Digest' and 'Book of Forms' at cost."

The committee "report *adverse* to the resolution."

Report by Rep. Woodruff, of Georgia....8171

Considered and amended by striking out "adverse to," and inserting "in favor of," and as amended adopted....8185

No. 12. On the resolution relating to the Representative Tax paid by the Grand Lodge of Wyoming in 1878, and 1879.

The committee submit a resolution donating to said Grand Lodge one hundred and fifty dollars, the Representative Tax for the past two years.

Report by Rep. Randall of California, chairman....8172

Adopted....8185

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No. 1. On granting authority to the Grand Lodge of Australasia to issue diplomas to be used among the members under its jurisdiction.

The committee report in favor of the measure, and "that such authority be and is hereby conveyed by the approval of the recommendation of the Grand Sire."

On the action of the Grand Lodge of Chile in expelling the late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge from the Order, without observing the legal formalities of a trial.

The committee recommend that the action of that Grand Lodge be declared null and void, and that the Grand Lodge of Chile proceed with the case in due form of law; and further, that it direct the Subordinate Lodge, to which the late Grand Secretary belongs, to try him in the same manner.

In the matter of qualification for membership.

The committee make no recommendation, as it will come before the Grand Lodge in the form of an amendment to the Constitution.

Report by Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....8111
Adopted.....8179

GRAND BODIES NOT REPRESENTED.

No. 1. The committee report that the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chile, Utah and Switzerland, and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina are without accredited Representatives at the present session.

Report by Rep. Welch, of Arkansas, chairman..... 8134
Adopted.....8181

JUDICIARY.

No. 1. On the resolutions "in regard to the *status* of Past Grand Sires in this Grand Lodge."

The committee report "that under Article X. of the Constitution, Past Grand Sires, who are not Representatives, are not entitled to serve upon committees of this Body, and have only such rights and privileges, and none other, as are specially granted by said article, * * .that the ruling in 1852, page 1830, having been made before the adoption of our present Constitution in 1854, and being in conflict therewith, * * must be held for *naught*."

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman.....8066
Considered and postponed to the next Annual Session.....8127

No. 2. On the subject of the payment of benefits to "aged and indigent" brothers *as a right*.

The committee say, "that under the laws of the Order 'aged and indigent' members are not *per se*, as a matter of right, entitled to benefits."

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio.....8069
Adopted.....8173

No. 3. On the question: "Can a ballot by which a candidate was rejected be declared null and void on account of errors committed by several brothers in voting?"

The committee "answer the inquiry in the negative."

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania.....8078
Adopted.....8174

No. 4. On the appeal of M. M. Harris, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. A member of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, desired a withdrawal card in order to join another Lodge, but his Lodge having held no meetings for two terms he applied to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and although the Charter of Columbia Lodge had not been reclaimed or declared forfeited, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee granted the brother a card.

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The committee held "that the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is illegal, and the card granted by it to Bro. Bumberger null and void."

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania....8112

Adopted....8179

No. 5. On the question "if between the time of the institution of a Subordinate Encampment and the granting of a Charter therefor, one of the petitioners for the Warrant is expelled from the Order, can the name of said expelled applicant be omitted from the Charter on the request of the Subordinate Encampment, with the approval of the Grand Encampment?"

The committee report that "it is not within the province of a Subordinate or Subordinate Grand Body to change or vary the record of facts contained in said Warrant when the Charter is issued."

Report by Rep. Beatty, of California....8113

Adopted....8179

No. 6. On the resolution "that Grand Encampments under their present powers have authority to charter Subordinate Encampments as Uniformed Encampments," etc.

The committee submit "that no such construction as indicated in the above can be placed on the laws therein referred to, and that further legislation on the subject is unwise and inexpedient."

Report by Rep. Myers, of Indiana....8132

Adopted....8181

No. 7. James Morris, of Lowell Lodge, No. 95, Massachusetts, having joined the Manchester Unity, the N. G. of Lowell Lodge decided that the brother had severed his connection with this Order and excluded him from the Lodge. Bro. Morris appealed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and that Body requests the decision of this Grand Lodge on the subject.

The committee held that "the N. G. of Lowell Lodge exercised a power in the premises not vested in him, and that the membership of James Morris, of said Lodge, could be terminated and his connection with the same severed (so far as the course to be pursued by the Lodge would affect the brother's standing), only by preferring charges in the usual manner, and adopting and following out the usual method of procedure in the trial of a brother under charges."

Report by Rep. Hogan, of Maine....8134

Adopted....8181

No. 8. On the question: "Can the formal action of a Subordinate Lodge in the suspension of a member for the non-payment of dues, be legally taken without a regular ballot?"

The committee reply "in the affirmative, because the law involved does not require a ballot. * * Any action whereby the sense of the Body is reached, and declared and made a matter of record * * conforms to the resolution."

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman....8141

Adopted....8182

No. 9. On the question: "Whether a Lodge, under Article 106a, Digest, has the right to expend its funds for hiring watchers for the sick, the purchase of real estate," etc.

The committee hold that "a Subordinate Lodge has the right to expend its funds, not otherwise interdicted, 'for any or all of the purposes above named.'"

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman....8166

Adopted....8182

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No. 10. On the resolution of Rep. Hogan, of Maine, "On the subject of the right of a member of a Subordinate Grand Lodge to appeal to this Grand Lodge."

The committee hold that the appeal papers must show the consent of the Grand Body.

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman....8168

Considered and recommitted to the committee....8183

No. 11. The committee report they have reconsidered their report (No. 10) and submit a resolution, "that Rep. Hogan, of Maine, have leave to withdraw the resolution, and this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania....8188

Adopted....8188

No. 12. On the resolution asking "an interpretation or rendering of Sections 196, 197, 198, 199 and 200 of White's Digest, relating to funeral benefits."

The committee "report that the only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphan or dependent relatives of the deceased, and that dependent relatives are relatives who are members of the family of the deceased, and who were dependent upon the deceased."

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman....8188

Adopted....8188

LEGISLATIVE.

No. 1. On sundry propositions to extend the terms of office.

The committee submit a resolution: "That State Grand Lodges are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to make the term of office in their Subordinates one year."

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman....8067

Adopted....8172

No. 2. On the resolution requesting a change in the law of 1877, on the subject of members in arrears for dues.

The committee state "that they see no reason for the change in the law suggested, and consider also that this and other like questions have been considered and fully reported upon by the Legislative Committee of the last session," and "ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman....8067

Adopted....8172

No. 3. On resolutions that the Grand Encampment of Ohio and the Grand Lodge of Florida be permitted to hold biennial sessions.

The committee report: "If such change should be desired by these Bodies * * it may be made by amending their Constitutions * * and with sufficient reasons for the change, submitted at the time, would doubtless receive approval." The committee ask to be "discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York....8073

Adopted....8173

No. 4. On the resolution "allowing members of the Order to connect themselves with the Manchester Unity."

The committee find no objection to the measure, and submit resolutions: "That the members of the I. O. O. F. may unite with any lawful society or association whatsoever, without severing their connection with the Order; that all laws inconsistent with this be repealed, and that these resolutions shall take effect from and after their passage."

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky....8078

Adopted....8174

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No. 5. On the resolution authorizing the proper officers of Lodges and Encampments to issue visiting cards to members during recess.

The committee "report that they can see no adequate reason for a change in the law as it now exists, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Report by Rep. Douglass, of Maine....8079
Adopted....8174

No. 6. On the subject of authorizing Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to hold special sessions.

The committee submit resolutions: 1. "That any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment may hold special sessions as often as may be deemed necessary, in their respective jurisdictions, to give instruction in the unwritten work of the Order, and to confer the Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, respectively." 2 authorizes the sessions to be held at such places within the jurisdiction as may be determined by the G. M. or G. P., unless the Grand Body shall otherwise provide, and only such business as is provided for in the first resolution, is to be transacted at such sessions 3 and 4 provide what officers are required to be present and the number necessary to constitute a quorum. 5. "That Past Officers from any part of the jurisdiction in which such special sessions are held, and entitled to membership in such Grand Body, shall be privileged to attend and receive the Degrees and instruction to be given by the Grand Officers."

Report by Rep. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania....8079
Adopted....8174

No. 7. On the resolution requiring an examination of the principal officers of Lodges and Encampments as to their knowledge of the work, before being installed into office.

The committee believing "that such legislation is unwise and impracticable, and could not be carried out successfully if adopted, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky....8082
Adopted....8174

No. 8. On the Grand Sire's report asking for legislation fixing the ratio of dues and benefits.

The committee state they "are satisfied that much more must be done in the way of preparatory facts and figures before we can afford to legislate on the subject," and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman....8112
Adopted....8179

No. 9. On the resolution restricting Subordinates from appropriating more than five per cent. of their funds or more than one hundred dollars in any one year, for celebrating the 26th of April.

The committee "report that the matter is one for local legislation, and should properly be left to the sound discretion of a Subordinate, subject to the supervision of its Grand Body," but in consequence of certain representations they submit a resolution which provides that "Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges may enact suitable regulations to prevent their Subordinates from making grossly excessive appropriations for such purposes to the injury of the funds that should primarily be held for purposes of relief."

Report by Rep. Boyles, of Tennessee....8171
Adopted....8185

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No. 10. On the following resolutions relating to trials.

"*Resolved*, That in the trial of charges, where either party or his counsel does not understand the language in which proceedings are conducted, such party or counsel cannot be denied the time necessary for the interpretation to him of the proceedings as had, by interpreters qualified to be present.

"*Resolved*, That a member entitled to address remarks or a communication to any Body of the Order, if he be unable to speak or write the language in which such Body conducts its work, cannot be denied the right to make such address in English."

The committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky....8189

Adopted....8190

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

No. 1. The committee present a tabular statement containing the names, nativity, etc., of the officers and members, and a resolution that the amount allowed in the table be paid.

Report by Rep. Pearce, of Florida, chairman....8158

Adopted....8158

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

No. 1. On the "Memorial of Grievance of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine."

The committee report that the memorial represents that the Grand Master visited Belfast Lodge, No. 41, for the purpose of installing the officers elect, on the 3d of January, 1879; failed to install said officers, and gave no reason for such failure; that on the 8th of January, 1879, the Grand Master demanded, received and took away with him the Charter, etc. of the said Lodge, placed locks of his own on the doors of the Lodge room, and put it in possession of keepers, giving no reason for so doing, and that the action at a special session of the Grand Lodge called by the Grand Master to try Belfast Lodge, No. 41, was illegal.

The committee are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Master in failing to install the officers, as above mentioned, without giving any reasons was illegal. Also that his action in taking the Charter, etc., without charges being preferred against said Lodge, was not justifiable, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine in sustaining the Grand Master does not receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge. The committee recommend that the Charter, etc., of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, which were removed by the Grand Master, be returned to said Lodge, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Newell, of New Jersey, chairman....8087

Considered, and amended by inserting the following resolution, viz: "That the Grand Lodge of Maine be directed to send to this Sovereign Grand Lodge the record in the case of Belfast Lodge, No. 41, and in the meantime the Grand Lodge of Maine be directed to restore Belfast Lodge to full fellowship, and to return to it all the property, funds and effects taken ftom it by the Grand Master," and as amended adopted....8175, 8176

No. 2. On the correspondence between Oriental Lodge, No. 36, of the jurisdiction of Vermont, and the Grand Secretary.

The committee report that the same has been considered, and as the matter is one which the jurisdictions of Vermont and Quebec are able to settle amicably without any interference from this Grand Lodge, they ask to be relieved from its further consideration.

Report by Rep. Gibson, of Ontario....8113

Adopted....8179

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No. 3. On the petition of Emanuel Amick, of Goshen Lodge, No. 82, of Canal Dover, Ohio, for a new hearing of his case in the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The committee report that in their opinion there is good cause for a new hearing of the case, inasmuch as Bro. Amick presents new evidence, etc., and they submit a resolution "that the petition of Bro. Emanuel Amick be granted."

Report by Rep. Davis, of Montana.....8133
Adopted.....8181

PETITIONS.

No. 1. On the application for a Subordinate Lodge at Phœnix, Arizona, to be called Phœnix Lodge, No. 2.

The committee report that a Warrant has been issued and the Lodge instituted, and approve of the action of the Grand Sire in issuing said Warrant.

Report by Rep. Graham, of the Lower Provinces.....8067
Adopted.....8172

No. 2. On the Warrant and the return thereon, of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, October 30th, 1878.

The committee report that they have examined the same and find the return correct.

Report by Rep. Very, of Massachusetts.....8068
Adopted.....8172

No. 3. On the application for the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The committee report that a Warrant has been issued and the Grand Lodge instituted, and approve of the action of the Grand Sire in issuing said Warrant.

Report by Rep. Robbins, of Rhode Island.....8068
Adopted.....8173

No. 4. On the petition of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, to have established in that country a Grand Lodge of the same character as that of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

The committee report that they find that the powers granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire are exceedingly broad, and after examining the subject in all its bearings, and fully considering the claims of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, have come to the conclusion that it is not wise at the present time to grant the request, and submit a resolution to that effect.

Report by Rep. Elder, of Colorado, chairman.....8068
Adopted.....8173

No. 5. On the petition for a Charter for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Idaho.

The committee find that only five of the six Lodges in the Territory have signed the petition. They refer to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1873, in relation to the same subject, and offer a resolution authorizing the Grand Sire to issue a Warrant for a Grand Lodge when there is an unanimous petition of the Lodges of Idaho Territory.

Report by Rep. Greeley, of Nevada.....8069
Adopted.....8173

No. 6. On the petition of the Representatives from the jurisdiction of Arkansas, asking for new Charters for the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment thereof, the old ones having been destroyed by fire.

The committee submit a resolution instructing the proper officers to issue new Charters, free of charge, to those Grand Bodies.

Report by Rep. Elder, of Colorado, chairman.....8095
Adopted.....8177

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No. 1. The committee report the business transacted, viz: the cost of Revised Journal of 1878, and of Volume IX. of the Journal; a statement of the supplies furnished to the Grand Secretary, and the amount expended. The resolution authorizing the charge book printed in the French language received attention, but as the limited demand for the books would not pay for the cost of translation, they deemed it inexpedient to print a new edition. The contracts for printing were awarded as follows, viz: Officers' Reports and Revised Journal of this session to John L. Murphy, Trenton, New Jersey; Daily Journal to James Young, Baltimore; the paper to Dobler, Mudge and Chapman, Baltimore.

The committee request, "that having elected Bro. Theodore A. Ross as their secretary, he be allowed the same per diem as the Committee on Printing Supplies for the present year; and also that he be compensated for his services as secretary to the committee for the year 1878, at the same rate of per diem as that allowed the committee for their services.

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman.....8037
Adopted.....8056

RETURNS.

No. 1. The committee report the annual returns from Grand and Subordinate Bodies as being correct, and call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Switzerland is still holding its meetings on Sunday.

Report by Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, chairman.....8131
Adopted.....8181

STATE OF THE ORDER.

No. 1. On the communication requesting the installation form for Degree Lodges in the German language.

The committee say: "There does not appear to be a sufficient number of Degree Lodges working in the German language to warrant the printing of such form," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....8053
Adopted.....8098

No. 2. On the question: "Is it lawful for an Encampment to appropriate money from its regular funds for music at the funeral of a Patriarch?"

The committee answer, *No.*

Report by Rep. Gale, of Vermont.....8053
Adopted.....8098

No. 3. On the resolution "urging a revision of White's Digest."

The committee believe a careful revision is necessary, and "recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina.....8061
Adopted.....8061

No. 4. On the decisions of the Grand Sire made during the recess.

The committee submit a resolution that "the same are hereby ratified and approved."

Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....8072
Adopted.....8173

No. 5. On the subject of "Vermont and Quebec," as referred to by the Grand Sire (page 7916).

The committee say they "concur with the Grand Sire in his conclusion, but as Oriental Lodge has no application before this Grand Lodge, the committee do not feel authorized to make any

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recommendation," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....8072
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No. 6. On the subject of Lodges working in the Scarlet Degree.
The committee report: "That inasmuch as the advisability of revising and changing the present work of the Order is under consideration by a special committee, it is in our opinion, inexpedient to make any change at the present time," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Wilson, of California.....8078
Adopted.....8174
No. 7. On the subject of "Difficulty of Administration," on page 8026.
The committee report a resolution, "that in future, all general laws passed by this Grand Lodge, not otherwise specially provided for, shall go into effect on the first day of January after their passage."
Report by Rep. Weakley, of Tennessee.....8090
Adopted.....8176
No. 8. On "the interpretation of the words 'temporary absence' occurring in the charges to the Right Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand in the installation ceremony."
The committee say: "The words must be taken to mean the absence of the Noble Grand from his chair merely, while he still remains in the Lodge room, or ante-room, which, under the law, constitutes a component part of the Lodge room. Whenever the Noble Grand *leaves the Lodge room* then the duty of occupying his chair, devolves upon the Vice Grand, and a like construction of the words applies to the language of the charge to the Right Supporter of the Vice Grand." The committee think the conclusion of the committee on the State of the Order in 1878, page 7822, Journal "should be reversed and made to harmonize with the above definition of 'temporary absence.' The word 'absence' occurring in the installation charge to the Senior Warden, means the absence of the Chief Patriarch from the Encampment room and ante-room, and nothing more. Whenever the Chief Patriarch is *temporarily absent*, as defined in this report, his chair should be occupied by the First Watch."
Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina.....8092
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No. 9. On the report of the Grand Sire on the subject of "basis of representation, taxation and biennial sessions."
The committee recommend that the subject be considered by the Grand Lodge in committee of the whole at the time action is had upon the supplemental report of the Grand Sire.
Report by Rep Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....8109
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No. 10. On the subject of "charts, certificates, emblems, &c.," as referred to by the Grand Sire in his report.
The committee say: "The weight of the evidence preponderates in favor of allowing individuals, under proper restrictions, to use the *emblems*. * * The charts, certificates and kindred forms, are solely the property of this Grand Lodge, and are so declared to be, that as such, only this Grand Body has the right to publish and use them" They submit resolutions as follows:
1. "That all the 'forms,' whether of chart, certificate, diploma or

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kindred forms, published by this Grand Lodge, are exclusively the property of said Body, designed by it and necessary to its welfare and prosperity." 2. "That M. C. Lilley & Co., and all other Odd Fellows publishing them, be required to discontinue the same, as being in violation of the laws and usages of the Order."
Report by Rep. Lindsley, of Wisconsin....8116
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No. 11. On the Grand Sire's report relating to the Manchester Unity.
The committee "concur in the main, with the views expressed by the Grand Sire," but "deem the subject of such vital importance to the two great Orders, as to demand the most careful consideration at the hands of this Grand Lodge." They commend the noble spirit of the Unity in desiring the fraternizing of these Bodies, but in view of the amount of business already presented and demanding attention, the limited time in which to dispose of the same, and the grave character of the subject involved, they submit a resolution that the further consideration of the subject be postponed till the next session.
Report by Rep. Lindsley, of Wisconsin....8117
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No. 12. On the Grand Secretary's report in regard to a reprint of Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the bound Journal, page 7980.
The committee say: "It seems therefore necessary that there should be a reprint of the first four volumes of the bound Journal. We therefore recommend that, in view of the action of the Grand Lodge had this day, the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have two hundred and fifty copies each of Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the bound Journal printed for the use of this Grand Lodge."
Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman....8186
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
No. 1. The committee submit a statement of the several subjects not acted on at the last session, and recommend their reference to appropriate committees; also amendments to the Constitution, etc., which they recommend be considered as they appear on the Journal. They also mention the Special Committees required to report at this session.
Report by Rep. Dye, of Minnesota, chairman....8039
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The following was received too late for insertion in its appropriate place:

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

EDMOND C. ROBINSON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Past Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a zealous and honored member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 9, Norfolk, died suddenly, in the city of Richmond, Virginia, (while in attendance as a member of the Legislature), January 18th, 1879, at the ripe age of sixty-nine years.

In the death of Bro. ROBINSON the Grand Lodge of Virginia lost a member who had served in many official positions, discharging faithfully every duty devolved upon him; and Lafayette Lodge a faithful Odd Fellow and an honest man. He united with the Order when a "mere boy," as he delighted to say, and he faltered not, failed not, to support and defend it to the moment of his death. He literally died in the harness of Odd Fellowship. On rising from the supper table, he remarked that he would walk out to see his old friend, Judge E. H. FITZHUGH, (P. G. Rep.,) and talk about Odd Fellowship. He was shortly after taken up in the street stricken with paralysis, and died in a few moments.

MEMORIES.

Memories.

"There is no Death! What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death."

—*Longfellow.*

"To lose a great and good man from any circle is an irreparable loss. To lose a great and good Odd Fellow, how much more! Their seats are vacant, never more to be filled. Their voices are hushed, never again to be heard in all the pilgrimage of our remaining earthly toil.

"On other shores it may be ours to meet them,
In brighter realms may it be ours to greet them."

—*Journal*, 8144.

IN MEMORIAM.

Seaton Gales, Past Grand Representative of North Carolina, at Washington, District of Columbia, on the 29th day of November, 1878, aged fifty years.

"As a scholar, he was accomplished; as a writer, he was rapid, exact and graceful; as a lecturer, he was polished, fluent and entertaining; as an orator, he was always eloquent, and at times brilliant and thrilling; as an Odd Fellow, he was devoted and true; as a gentleman, he was peerless."—*Journal*, 8146.

Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at his residence, Boston, on the 1st day of December, 1878, aged eighty-five years.

"In all the characteristics of heart and head he was eminently an Odd Fellow. In all the higher and grander elements of character he was an almost exceptional man, coming as near perfection as it is possible for humanity to attain on earth; and through his long life he gave to the world evidence of spiritual excellence that allied him with the Divine. He has passed from earth, leaving us to mourn the demise of one who has shed the highest lustre upon our Order, whose departure has caused a void which is hard to fill."—*Journal*, 8147.

Aram Youlen, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, at his residence, Boston, on the 28th day of March, 1879, aged seventy-one years.

"He was one of those earnest and true men to whom our Order is indebted for its standing where it does to-day, before the world. Of sterling honesty, he would never consent to have the Order do anything that would not stand the test of truth and fair dealing."—*Journal*, 8148.

George J. Miller, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence, Burlington, on the 2d day of June, 1879, aged sixty-one years.

"He was a man of considerable ability, positive in his opinions, exact in all his dealings, yet benevolent and charitable, never refusing the helping hand to those who applied for aid in time of distress. In his death our Order loses a zealous, active and able member, one whose whole life proved his devotion to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth."—*Journal*, 8149.

IN MEMORIAM.

Stuart W. Cayce, Past Grand Representative of Alabama, and Past Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at his residence, Mobile, on the 16th day of July, 1879.

"For forty-two years he was an Odd Fellow, and as long as health permitted was a constant attendant upon his Lodge and Encampment, and active and enthusiastic in whatever position called to fill. As a husband and father he was all that the terms imply. As a citizen, 'none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise.'"—*Journal*, 8149.

William H. Cloward, Past Grand Representative of Delaware, at his residence, Wilmington, on the 29th day of January, 1879, aged forty years.

"His ardent devotion to the principles of Odd Fellowship, commanded universal admiration. He was a good citizen, a warm friend, a consistent christian, and in every relation of life his deportment was such as to win the respect and esteem of all who knew him, and render him an example worthy of imitation."—*Journal*, 8151.

William K. Edwards, Past Grand Representative of Indiana, at his residence, Terre Haute, on the 26th day of September, 1878, aged fifty-seven years.

"His ever ready hand and sympathizing heart are best known by those who so often shared his bounty, and received from his lips kind words of comfort and consolation. To him, to live was to be an Odd Fellow, and his life affords a practical lesson for Odd Fellows."—*Journal*, 8151.

James H. Stewart, Past Grand Representative of Indiana, at his residence, Delphi, on the 13th day of April, 1879, aged seventy years.

"He was a man of cultivated intelligence and broad views, whose every heart throb pulsated in sympathy with the frailties of our humanity; and no member could, in dying, have bequeathed a more enviable record as a good citizen, an affectionate husband, an indulgent father and true Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, 8152.

Benjamin Beckwith Woodward, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at his residence, Davenport, on the 18th day of August, 1879, aged sixty-two years.

"His memory to us who survive him is a precious relic, and his good qualities and virtues remain to us an ever memorable legacy in the cause to which in his strength and power and manhood he gave the best of his years."—*Journal*, 8153.

IN MEMORIAM.

William P. Buell, Past Grand Representative of New Hampshire, at his residence, Nashua, on the 23d day of January, 1879, aged fifty-two years.

"He was ever active and faithful to the interests of our Order; always ready to lend a helping hand to others. He lived not for himself alone, but for others, and so will ever live in the memory of those whose hands he has strengthened and whose hearts he has made glad."—*Journal*, 8154.

Robert H. Hotchkiss, Representative of Wisconsin, at New York, N. Y., on the 29th day of September, 1878, aged fifty-nine years.

"He was a true missionary of the cause of Odd Fellowship in the region round about his home, and his loss to the Order in Wisconsin is a great one and most deeply felt by all the members. In public and private life his character, like Cæsar's wife, was above reproach. He filled the eye of a large citizenship, who to-day mourn, admire and respect him for his pure life and noble works."—*Journal*, 8155.

Dr. Lucius A. Thomas, Past Grand Representative of Connecticut, at his residence, New Haven, on the 22d day of May, 1879, aged seventy-one years.

"His record is that of a good citizen, a kindly neighbor, an honest man. No one of all the more than six thousand Odd Fellows in Connecticut, had the confidence of the brotherhood to a greater degree than he; none more tenderly beloved. So living, so loving, he journeyed down the hill towards the setting sun and felt no fear, for he lived and died at peace with God and man."—*Journal*, 8156.

Paxson Coats, Past Grand Representative of Ohio, at his residence, Cincinnati, on the 6th day of July, 1878, aged sixty-four years.

"He was faithful in the performance of every duty, and by his active co-operation and zeal made himself felt by his daily and weekly labors. His Lodge and Encampment have lost an active and valuable member; society an upright and useful citizen; his family a devoted husband and kind father."—*Journal*, 8156.

A. L. Stinson, Past Grand Representative of Oregon, at his residence, Salem, on the 28th day of May, 1879.—*Journal*, 7919, 7984, 8144.

James Atkinson, Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island, at his residence, Newport, on the 12th day of June, 1879.—*Journal*, 7919, 7984, 8144.

Abraham B. Coleman, Past Grand Representative of Indiana.—*Journal*, 7919, 7984, 8144.